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"Having pioneered the introduction of wide-bodied airliners, PanAm has now chosen another engine supplier to meet its further commitments. PanAm has always been leader in its selection of new equipment—when it orders aircraft and engines, many other operators follow."

"A strong position in the American market is crucial to the future of Rolls-Royce in the aero engine business. The PanAm order further strengthens our position as a supplier to leading airlines around the world."

Earlier this year, export deliveries of RB-211 engines passed the £500m mark. Development problems with the engine brought about the bankruptcy and nationalization of Rolls-Royce in 1971, but since then the British taxpayer has made a profit of £34m on the project.

Mr William Seawell, chairman and chief executive officer of Pan Am, said in New York last night that the purchase price for the initial 12 aircraft plus spares was $500m. Delivery of the first was set for February, 1980.

Rolls-Royce and Pan Am had reached agreement in principle for ECGD-guaranteed financing of the entire purchase, while Rolls-Royce had retained First National City Bank of New York to arrange the financing, using a combination of institutional and bank funds, with support from ECGD in the financing of the engine portion of the package.

Other deals announced yesterday will also bring much-needed work to aircraft factories in the United Kingdom. British Aerospace has secured an export order for the Hawk two-seater trainer and ground attack aircraft with the signing in Jakarta of a £25m contract for eight for the Indonesian Airforce while Short Bros in Belfast yesterday signed a £3m contract with Hawaiian Airlines for three 30-seater aircraft. The Hawk contract will provide further engine work for Rolls-Royce.

Neo-Nazi group says it sent bombs

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A caretaker was injured yesterday when a parcel bomb exploded at the headquarters of the Communist Party in King Street, Covent Garden, London. A second, identical, device was spotted and defused at one of the London offices of the National Union of Public Employees.

As New Scotland Yard issued a warning to the public to be alert for further devices, a group claiming to be a neo-Nazi organization telephoned newspapers and a radio station to claim responsibility.

The callers said they represented *Column 88, which is reported to be a secret right-wing organization with about 200 members dedicated to National Socialism.*

Callers to the *Daily Mirror and The Daily Telegraph* claimed responsibility for the bomb at the Communist headquarters. A caller to Independent Radio News claimed responsibility for "bombs" unspecified.

Last night detectives were unsure whether they were facing a genuine attack from right-wing extremists or a left-wing attempt to besmirch right-wingers.

There is also speculation that at least one of the attacks could be connected with the forthcoming by-election in Lambeth, Central. Nupe has lent offices in the consituency to Labour.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Tony Bognes, the Socialist Workers' Party candidate in the by-election, told the police he had received a telephone threat.

A week ago a parcel bomb was sent to Mr Roger Prouse, a member of the Socialist Workers' Party and an organizer for the Anti-Nazi League, at the bus station in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Officers from the anti-terrorist squad at New Scotland Yard, led by Det Chief Supt William Warnock, were in contact with Thames Valley police yesterday. The bomb at High Wycombe was placed in a toffee tin. Yesterday's bombs were sent in medicine bottles.

The bomb recovered from the Nupe offices in Stockwell Road, south London, was posted in York, and on Monday the Leeds branch of the Communist Party received a telephone warning. Miss Angela Devaney, the party's district organizer, was told by a young man calling himself Mussolini: "You are going to get the same treatment as your headquarters".

The bomb at King Street exploded as Mr William Barnes, the caretaker, was examining it. Mr Barnes, aged 62, was taken to hospital suffering from severe burns to his right hand, cuts and shock.

Mr Frederick (Joe) Berry, circulation manager of the *Morning Star*, was with him when the bomb exploded. It was addressed without the name of the party or any of its officials.

Mr Berry said the caretaker weighed the parcel on the office scales because it seemed too heavy for the stamps, and as he touched it the bomb exploded.

At the Nupe offices Mr Peter Spalding, a machine operator, began to open a parcel and saw a bottle and wires. He called the police.



Mr Frederick Berry, circulation manager of the Morning Star, at the scorched desk where a bomb exploded yesterday at the offices of the Communist Party in London.

White House denies neutron bomb is to be abandoned

From David Cross
Washington, April 4

Although President Carter is expected to announce his decision shortly on the future of the neutron bomb, White House and State Department officials are categorically denying a newspaper report that he has already decided against production of the controversial nuclear weapon.

Quoting administration officials, *The New York Times reported today that Mr Carter* had acted against the advice of most of his senior foreign policy advisers in deciding recently that going ahead with the weapon ran counter to his goals of nuclear disarmament. In an announcement due to be made later this week, the President was expected to ask the Soviet Union to show similar restraint in the deployment of its new nuclear weapons, the newspaper said.

The paper conceded, however, that some officials were hoping that Mr Carter might still change his mind before any official announcement was made. One suggested compromise was that the President might simply announce a decision to defer production indefinitely.

Both White House and State Department spokesmen said that no final decision had yet been taken by the President on the neutron bomb.

The State Department spokesman added that basic questions involving production and deployment of the weapons were still unresolved. Consultations were continuing between the United States and its Nato allies.

Rumours have been circulating here for some days that a decision on the neutron bomb was imminent. They were prompted by reports of the sudden cancellation last month of a Nato meeting in Brussels called to discuss the future of the neutron bomb. On the table at that meeting was a compromise formula under which the Nato allies would have agreed to the production of the weapon later this year, but would have postponed its deployment for a couple of years.

The calling off of that meeting led to speculation here that President Carter had had a change of heart. In earlier public pronouncements most senior officials in the Administration had spoken consistently in support of neutron bomb production provided that this was acceptable to the Nato allies.

However, continuing controversy in some European countries such as West Germany and Holland, where the nuclear weapons would have to be sited, has prevented the alliance from giving Washington the green light on production. Only Mr Callaghan has come out publicly and strongly in support of the weapon.

Since the news of the advanced stage of development of the neutron bomb first came to the attention of the public last summer, senior foreign policy advisers such as Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, and Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary, have spoken of the desirability of deploying neutron weapons as part of the Administration's campaign to enhance Nato's defence.

But a key opponent has been Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations, who has argued that a decision to press ahead with its production would place the Administration in an uncomfortable position during a United Nations special session on disarmament due to take place in New York at the end of next month.

Gretel Spitzer writes from Berlin: Optimism over an American-Soviet understanding on the neutron bomb was expressed today by Mr P. A. Abrasimov, the Soviet Ambassador to East Germany.

He told the Foreign Press Association at a luncheon that he believed that reason would prevail in the United States. *The Soviet Union could not be* intimidated by the production of such a bomb. He agreed with a questioner that the bomb could be a basis for negotiations on other arms.

Troops to defence of flowers and wildlife

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Armed Forces may be short of money, manpower and machines, but their flower power is booming. Their water beetles, dragonflies, little terns, curlews, purple emperors, roe deer, otters, badgers, mink, polecat, sand lizards, smooth snakes, natterjack toads, Bechstein bats are also thriving under the watchful care of Chieftain tanks and Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Clayden (retd).

They flourish on at least 60 of more than 170 training sites where the flora and fauna are being catalogued by Colonel Clayden, the Ministry of Defence's full-time conservation officer, and voluntary groups of specialists.

It started nearly five years ago when the report of the Defence Lands Committee recommended that the Forces should retain more land than they had ever dared hope for, but on condition that they should defend the wildlife living there against the British public as well as the Russians.

The Services have tackled the job with the determination usually associated with a beach-head landing. Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, said yesterday that their enthusiasm had been remarkable.

At one area in Norfolk troops have collected £165 for the World Wildlife Fund. At another station airmen have kept an avuncular eye on a pair of stone curlews nesting 25 yards from the runway of a busy operational air base.

With 60 sites of special interest so far surveyed by Colonel Clayden and his teams, the results are astonishing. At the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, they have discovered 11 species of orchid. On another site more than a thousand bee orchids flourish in the absence of pesticides.

On one stretch of rolling heathland on the Hampshire-Surrey border there have been found 253 different plants, 34 of the 58 species of butterfly known in Britain, 312 of the 490 kinds of native moth, 22 of 44 species of dragonfly, five kinds of reptile, three amphibians (untracked), 130 different British birds and eight different mammals.

On a Norfolk mere there are not only otters in abundance but four rare kinds of water beetle. In a Wiltshire cave the Forces have discovered eight out of 15 species of bat, including three rare Bechstein bats.

Half of Britain's stone curlews are living as tenants of the Ministry of Defence as are a fifth of the world's population of Brent geese.

There are 68 special sites still to be covered, in addition to 45 which Colonel Clayden personally considers to be worth taking under his wing. Then there are more than 600 other places belonging to the ministry that could yield something.

Colonel Clayden, who is preparing a book on the 500 miles of narrow-gauge railway that lie within his ambit, admitted yesterday that the task of cataloguing all the fauna and flora would not be completed in his lifetime. "But then a study of the sparrow can take a lifetime in itself", he said.

Easier and slimmer roads programme

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

There should be less disruption at inquiries into road schemes as a result of two White Papers presented to Parliament yesterday by Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport.

One proposes more open and democratic procedures for assessing such schemes, with inquiry inspectors appointed independently by the Lord Chancellor rather than by the department; an independent advisory committee to monitor traffic forecasts and such technical matters; and the opportunity for annual debates on the roads programme in Parliament.

The other proposes for the immediate future a more modest and discriminating roads programme, from which more than 30 schemes, costing £90m, have already been removed in the light of traffic forecasts, and economic, energy and environmental factors.

Mr Rodgers said after making his parliamentary statement that the programme was significantly smaller than three or four years ago, but at £300m a year for the next three years it should adequately meet the country's needs and provide stable employment for 100,000 people.

The new inquiry procedures, he said, would provide for "open decisions, openly arrived at on the basis of everyone understanding the factors behind a road proposal, and no concealment".

Not everyone would agree with decisions, but at least people would see that much thought lay behind them. "Where there are conflicts of interest, they can be resolved openly and fairly."

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Cabinet backs Healey stand against Liberals

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The Cabinet yesterday gave full backing to Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the stern line he has taken with the Liberal Party over their proposals for the Budget.

Mr Healey indicated to the Liberals that he will not be able to reduce taxes in anything like the proportion they are demanding, and that he sees their proposals for recouping revenue through increased taxes on consumption, raising the level of value-added tax, and increasing the employer's share of the National Insurance contribution, as being likely to boost inflation.

Full details of the Liberal plan will be published today, but they have been extensively "leaked". It urges a reduction in direct taxation of about £4,000m, at a time when the Chancellor, even under pressure from those who see it as an election Budget, cannot see his way clear to make concessions of more than £2,000m to £2,500m if he is to balance the need for a stimulus to the economy against the danger of increasing inflation again.

Mr Healey accepts that the main stimulus must be given through tax cuts, but there must be room for increased expenditure on government measures and additional funds for the National Enterprise Board designed to increase industrial activity.

Liberals claimed yesterday that they had been misrepresented as having threatened to challenge the Budget as a whole if their proposals are not substantially represented in the Chancellor's statement. They do not intend to do that.

If they did, the Conservatives would certainly be with them in the lobby and a general election would follow a government defeat.

But a public opinion poll conducted by the Opinion Research Centre for the BBC *Nationwide* television programme last night showing that the Conservatives have an 11 per cent lead over Labour, and that the Liberals have only 7 per cent support, compared with 18.5 per cent in the last general election, provides no encouragement for the Liberals to precipitate an election.

What they propose is that, having heard the Budget and noted which of their best schemes have been dropped, they will propose amendments to the Finance Bill in the hope of getting them carried with Conservative and nationalist support.

That would be possible in standing committee where Labour and Conservatives have an equal number of members, with one Liberal (who is likely to be Mr John Pardoe) and one nationalist.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said in a BBC radio interview yesterday that he would not regard amendments to the Finance Bill as being in breach of the pact with Labour, but that is not the view of Mr Callaghan and his colleagues, as it emerged after yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

One or two amendments, not on essential features of the Budget, would be regarded as tolerable, as the amendment on petrol duties was accepted last year, but a series of drastic amendments on direct taxation, upsetting the whole strategy of the Budget, or on VAT, would be too big a price to pay.

But with the opinion polls and by-election results showing the Conservatives still on the upward swing most MPs expect that some compromise will be worked out between the Liberals and Labour to stave off the election until the autumn when, with the effects of the Budget showing in wage packets and in revived industrial activity, the Labour Party managers believe they would stand a good chance of holding on to power.

Yesterday the Cabinet reached agreement on the additional public expenditure that can be allocated from the £750m contingency reserve for the year 1978-79, at a meeting which lasted two and three quarter hours. There were indications later that the Treasury had won their argument against committing the whole of the amount at the beginning of the year.

Of the options that were considered, the scheme for increasing child benefits by 70p in November, estimated to cost about £180m in the financial year, had strong backing both in the Cabinet and from Labour backbenchers, but there was no definite confirmation last night that it had been accepted.

Inquirers were told they must wait for the Budget, though backbenchers who have contacts among ministers were sure that the decision had gone in favour of social benefits rather than environmental services.

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Palestinians sentenced to death

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, April 4

The Nicosia Assize Court today found two Palestinians guilty of the premeditated murder of Mr Youssef Sibai, editor of the Cairo newspaper *Al-Ahram*, who was shot in the Nicosia Hilton Hotel on February 18. They were sentenced to death by hanging on June 1.

The condemned men are Samir Muhammad Khadar, aged 28, and Zayed Husain al-Ali, aged 26. Mr Lefcos Clerides, their defence counsel, said he would appeal.

Nobody has been executed in Cyprus for the past 10 years.

If President Kyprianou commutes the death sentence he would anger President Sadat and risk a hijack attempt to free the prisoners. If he does not he would upset the Palestinians.

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Request for arrest: A British diplomat in Valletta has made a formal request to Malta for the arrest, pending extradition, of Mr John Gaul, the British businessman, seen yesterday by his yacht. Mr Gaul is wanted by Sussex police for questioning in connexion with his wife's murder

Nkomo denial doubts

Mr Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrillas in Rhodesia, strongly denied in an interview in Lusaka that he would eventually agree to join in the internal agreement. But the impression remains that he may do so if the agreement seems to be working Page 6

New NUS leader

The first coloured leader elected by the National Union of Students, Mr Trevor Phillips, who will take over the presidency from Miss Susan Slipman in July, is a moderate with no party axe to grind. He insists that his main job is to represent students, not coloured people in particular Page 2

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US move on Turkey arms angers Athens

The Greek Government has been angered by President Carter's decision to ask Congress to lift unconditionally the arms embargo on Turkey imposed after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Although Greece has not made a formal protest yet, its reaction has been made known in fairly strong terms in Washington Page 6

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Lords back PR for Scots

By Our Parliament Correspondent
Westminster

The House of Lords last night defied the Commons by replacing the traditional first-past-the-post method of election for the Scottish assembly by a form of proportional representation. This first test of strength came on the first day of the committee stage of the Scotland Bill.

The defeat for the Government, by 155 votes to 64, a majority of 91, came after a plea by Lord McCluskey, Solicitor General for Scotland, who gave a warning that proportional representation was likely to lead to a coalition and that coalitions tended to be weak, unstable, and lacking in authority.

Lord Home of the Hirsel probably swung the House in favour of proportional representation. He told peers that he was concerned at the unhealthy trend whereby a government's elected on a minority vote felt it had the right to impose policies for which the people had not voted. That had done a lot to bring politics into disrepute.

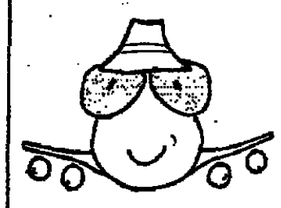
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Increased majorities for students' Broad Left alliance mark a serious setback for Conservatives

From Ian Bradley
Blackpool

The Broad Left alliance of communists, Labour Party supporters and non-aligned socialists consolidated its hold on the executive of the National Union of Students in elections held yesterday at the annual conference in Blackpool.

The Broad Left held all four full-time posts with increased majorities. The Conservatives suffered a serious setback. Their vote was halved and they dropped from third to fourth place in the elections for president and secretary. The far left and Liberal candidates have done slightly better than last year.

As widely expected, Mr Trevor Phillips (non-aligned) was elected president. Mr Alan Christie (Labour), from Heriot-Watt University, was elected deputy president. Mr David Aeronovitch (Communist), from Manchester University, was elected deputy, and Miss Penny Cooper (Communist), from the South Bank Polytechnic, was re-elected treasurer.

Mr Phillips, although he won fewer final preference votes than last year's president, Miss Susan Slipman, won more votes on the first round and did not have to depend on the redistributed votes of other candidates.

The final voting for the president was: Trevor Phillips (Broad Left), 358; Michael Archer (International Marxist group), 115; Andrew Stroudhous (Socialist Workers' Party), 110; Eddie Longworth



Mr Phillips: "One of the new breed"

(Conservative), 77; and Gavin Grant (Liberal), 38.

Miss Slipman said the votes represented a triumph for what the present executive had done. The most significant fact about the election was the decline of the Tory vote she said. The Broad Left had won back the support which was being lost to the Conservatives.

"I think we learnt to listen to criticism", Miss Slipman said. "Some criticism that supporters of the Tories were making on issues like free speech and union democracy were very valid.

"Now we have opened up politically and involved more people in the union. The basis of the Tories' appeal was that they were the force for democracy in the NUS. Now democracy is our basis, and the basis of the whole union, and the Tories' only appeal is to those who want Conservative policies."

Mr David Wilks, chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, said the results were disappointing. He blamed a Broad Left takeover of Conservative policies on union democracy.

The activities of the National Association for Freedom in campaigning for voluntary membership of student unions in a small number of universities had been used against the Conservatives.

Mr Wilks added that Conservatives still represented the largest non-Marxist group of students. The voting marked the first setback the Federation of Conservative Students had experienced for four years.

Miss Slipman said she had achieved what she set out to achieve in her year of office. She had applied for a post in helping the young unemployed.

During yesterday's session the NUS announced a campaign on homosexuals' rights. It will involve picketing branches of the newsagents, W. H. Smith, which refuse to sell the newspaper, Gay News. The union will also be lobbying MPs, and is organizing a national day next term on which all homosexual students will be asked to wear blue jeans on campus.

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Surprise as Cabinet allows pay 'breech'

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The Government has unexpectedly exempted some engineering workers from the rigorous wage restraint guidelines. Several thousand low-paid workers in the industry stand to get more than one rise this year, or exceed the 10 per cent limit on pay increases.

In a letter to the Engineering Employers' Federation and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday sanctioned a compromise over a contentious clause in the industry's provisional new agreement for 1,250,000 workers.

Under the terms of the compromise, which has been agreed at Cabinet level, workers who have settled for a phase three deal will be able ti move up to new guaranteed rates immediately if their factory pays less than the minimum.

Those still to settle during the present round of incomes policy will have to wait until the anniversary date of their particular agreement, but if the new rates take their pay rise through the 10 per cent barrier no government sanctions will be imposed on the company.

The federation said last night: "it was pleased that the uncertainty about the new agreement had ,ben removed. "The way is now clear for the inclusion of a clause that will bring in new rates for minimum earnings level purposes

Privately, the employers were taken aback by the decision to allow even a tiny minority of the industry's labour force through the strict limitations on collective bargaining. All the guidance they had previously ben given pointed to government rejection of the contentious clause.

The agreement lifts guaranteed minimum time rates for craftsmen from £42 a week to £57 now and £60 in August, and the labourers' minimum goes up from £33.60 to £43 and then £45. That is the industrys "calcultaor" rate, which is paid to only about 30,000 men in pockets of low earnings.

Most workers earn more, many considerably so. The "calculator" chiefly governs overtime, shift pay, holidays and some piecework arrangements.

On that basis, and because for most workers the new national agreement will not mean any extra money until the anniversary dates of their factory settlements, the Government has decided to permit those workers to receive more than the incomes policy strictly allows.

Nineteen men charged

Sufolk police have charged 19 ment after a raid on a house at Ipswich where firearms were recovered.

Decision on contraception left to Dublin Government

Eire family-planning concession

From John Groser
Dublin

The Irish bishops' conference conceded yesterday that while the Roman Catholic Church must oppose contraception on moral grounds it did not follow thatthe state should be bound to prohibit it.

That long awaited pronouncement, which comes before the impending meeting of the bishops with Mr Charles Haughey, the Minister for Health, would seem to give with one hand while firmly retaining with the other.

Nowhere in the five-page statement is there any suggestion that the church's teaching on contraception has altered. Nowhere is there a bowing to public opinion which, in a survey last week in a Dublin suburb indicated that more than nine tenths of women wished to avail themselves of contraception.

The bishops said they were concerned about the proposed legislation on family planning and contraception. They did not oppose family planning as such, but defended the church's teaching and stood by their statement of November, 1973, on artificial contraception. They insisted that the law of the state could not alter that which was morally right.

The church was worried, the bishops went on, about the possible effect that legislation which permitted the sale of contraceptives might do. They hoped that the lawmakers would take their anxieties into account. They made no reference to the case of the woman who went to the Supreme Court in 1974 and obtained a ruling that there could be no blanket prohibtion by the church in the Irish republic on the use of contraceptive methods.

The statement declared, and the bishops will tell Mr Haughey when they see him, that the Government must limit and control the availability of contraceptives to the young and to unmarried persons.

There would also have to be careful monitoring, not to say curtailment, of the advertising and promotion of contraceptives and artifical methods of birth control.

Over all that, there appeared to be a belated acceptance by the bishops that, while their teaching must maintain that contraception is wrong, it was nevertheless up to the Government to decide what was best for the public.

Basle crash damages are agreed

By a Staff Reporter

Compensation has been agreed for the 22 remaining families who lost relatives in the 1973 Basle air crash, it was disclosed yesterday. Sums of between £15,000 and £50,000 have been agreed in settlements out of court.

A total of 108 people died when the chartered Vanguard airliner, on a day trip from Bristol, crashed into a hillside on its approach to the Swiss airport. An inquiry heard of defects in the aircraft's radio navigational equipment and that, combined with bad weather, led to miscalculations on the part of the crew.

Most of the dead came from the Somerset villages of Axbridge, Cheddar, Congresbury, Wrington and Yatton.

The 22 families had refused an earlier offer of about £11,000 damages for each victim. Liability was settled last October and the High Court was due to assess compensation in London yesterday.

One of the 22 claimants, Mr John Palmer, of Redhill, near Bristol, who lost his wife, Pat, in the crash, said that his settlement was "considerably more than the original offer". He added:

"We were all determined to fight for reasonable compensation but we have had to suffer five years of legal problems, pain and worry. It should all have been settled many years ago."

Dead boy inquiry

A private inquiry, the report of which will be made public, is to be held into the way councils and area health authorities handled the affair of Lester Chapman, aged eight, the runaway Reading boy who was found dead.

Meeting arranged over 'Sunday Times' dispute

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The management of Times Newspapers Ltd is to meet meet chapel (office branch) officers of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) after the dispute that halted production of *The Sunday Times*.

The paper faile dt appear after 450 "regular casual" employees declined to accept a £4.20 incentive payment for work on production delayed by an engineering workers' dispute, which had been settled a few hours earlier.

The management had earlier agreed to pay £30 across the board to composing room staff, correctors of the press, and foundry staff for doing work that had been delayed by up to nine hours.

The management said last night that the proposed payments for the Natsopa machine assistants had been calculated on the basis of three hours' overtime pay.

The figure for payments made to other staff on Saturday night were disclosed by the management last night after a letter from Mr R. R. Brady, father (chairman) of the *Sunday Times* Natsopa machine chapel, complaining of the account of the dispute in The Times on Monday.

The management said that if the Natsopa members involved had been required to work beyond their normal shifts they would have been paid overtime as well as the £4.20.

Mr Brady's letter said:

Dear Sir,—I believe it is important to correct certain statements printed in Monday's issue of *The Times* re the non-publication of *The Sunday Times*.

First of all, the 45 members involved are not casual workers but regular employees, who went to work prepared to produce *The Sunday Times* without any additional pay. The management then decided, in the words of John Carr, *The Sunday Times* assistant general manager, to pay an "incentive bonus" in addition to their normal pay to certain mebers of the staff, amounts of £32 and £30 per person. And, as an afterthought, offered the production men a derisory amoum of £4.20.

The men concerned did noc see the jusdification of the bonus being paid to certain sections of the staff without it being paid to all. For too long production staffs have been treated as second-class employees. Your reporter, Mr Macintyre, really must check his facts.

Yours sincerely,—R. A. Brady, JP.

The management statement said:

Payments were made on Saturday night to individual chapels based on the additional amount of hours worked. Each chapel was being asked to make up under high pressure in a very short time, in some cases involving work beyond the time their respective shifts would have ended.

In the case of the Natsopa machine assistants, they were not being asked to do additional work and indeed were due to print a paper less than half the normal size. Any comparison, therefore, between the incentive bonus they were offered and that paid to the composing room is not valid.

Italian charged over Poussin damage

Salvatori Borzi, aged 27, an Italian, of Medway Drive, Greenford, west London, was remanded in custody for a week at Bow Street yesterday, charged with causing criminal damage to the painting, "The Adoration of the Golden Calf", by Poussin, at the National Gallery on Monday.

Sport ban S Africa called for minister

By John Hennessy
Sports Editor

Mr Denis Howell, Mi State Responsible fo yesterday invited dele European ministers re for sport to accept t ciples of the Gleneagl ment, which exclude African teams from national competitions, opening the second of a cil of Europe's confer sport in London. He hoped that a resolutio effect would be agre the conference closes o

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Princess Anne an Mark Phillips have plans for a 185ft b their Gloucestershire store machinery, horses and keep cat

Man in the news: NUS leader has no party axe to grind

Black president represents all races

It was almost inevitable that after electing its first woman president last year the National Union of Students should this year choose its first coloured leader. Mr Trevor Phillips, who will take over from Miss Susan Slipman as president of the 800,000-strong union in July, was born in London. His parents came from Guyana, where he was brought up and educated.

Although he accepts that as a leading public figure he will inevitably be seen as a spokesman for coloured people generally, Mr Phillips insists that he will not become a leader of the black community in Britain.

Although he will continue the union's anti-racialist campaign he sees his main job as being to represent students in general rather than coloured people in particular.

Mr Phillips describes himself as "one of the new breed of student leaders whose views are formed by students' union politics rather than party politics".

At 24 he is a young president by NUS standards. He has been involved in full-time student politics since leaving Imperial College, London, four years ago.

His campaign was based solidly on student issues and not on the wider political issues that have so often dominated NUS politics in the past.

In campaigning on student issues he is following Miss Slipman, whose great achievement, he feels, was to stop the political infighting in the union and concentrate on the practical difficulties facing students.

Mr Phillips is likely to prove even more "moderate" as a president of the NUS than Miss Slipman, who, although a communist, often found herself in alliance with Conservative students. Although, like her, he is in the Broad Left movement, he is not aligned to any political group and describes himself simply as a "democratic socialist".

On such issues as the public accountability of student unions in their use of union funds and giving platforms to racialist speakers, both of which he strongly favours, Mr Phillips is much closer to Conservative and Liberal students than to those on the far left.

He is not worried about the possibility that he will find himself in alliance with Tories and Liberals against the left. He says what distinguishes those two groups from the ultra-left is their realism.

Tories and Liberals both put student needs first, while the ultra-left puts party interests first, he says.

Mr Phillips has no specific crusade which he wants to champion during his presidency. He will be concentrating on establishing student union auronomy, making the structure of the NUS more democratic, and looking after the interests of disadvantaged students, particularly the young unemployed coloured students and women.

Trevor Phillips is perhaps the least political president the NUS has had for some time. His interests are science fiction, Chelsea Football Club and church architecture.

When he was at Imperial College, where he read chemistry, he wanted to go on to postgraduate study and became involved in union affairs only by accident. After his term as president he would like to go into industry



Police question friend of Mr Thorpe

Senior police officers investigating allegations of a plot to kill Mr Norman Scott by supporters of the Liberal Party yesterday questioned Mr David Holmes, a friend of Mr Jeremy Thorpe.

Mr Holmes, a businessman, went to Bristol on Monday night with Det Chief Supt Michael Challes, of Avon and Somerset police, and is expected to remain at Bristol police station today for further questioning.

The police investigation was ordered by the Director of Public Prosecutions last October after Mr Andrew Newton, who was imprisoned after shooting Mr Scott's dog, claimed that he had been paid £5,000 to kill Mr Scott, a former acquaintance of Mr Thorpe.

Talks begin in airline dispute

British Airways cabin staff yesterday started talks with the management over the dispute that led on Monday to a 24-hour stoppage resulting in the cancellation of 330 flights

The airline said talks over the claim by stewards and stewardesses on European and domestic routes for the right to be promoted to long-haul posts would probably go on for some days.

Japanese millionaire wants Aintree and Red Rum

By a Staff Reporter

Red Rum, Britain's most famous racehorse, may be bought by Mr Rocky Aoki, a Japanese millionaire, for up to $1m.

Mr Aoki, who is also interested in buying Aintree racecourse for $5m, said yesterday that he would like to bring over an acupuncturist from Japan to see if he could cure Red Rum's bruised leg.

He hoped that Red Rum would be able to race again, but even if he could not, Mr Aoki could make money by displaying him at the West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park, which he owns. "He is a national hero and many people would come to see him", he said.

Mr Aoki, former Olympic wrestler, restaurant owner, power-boat racer and entrepreneur, intends to visit Aintree today with representatives from Dunlop Heywood and Co, who are handling the sale for the Official Receiver, and then visit Red Rum at his Southport stables.

He thinks England is a land of opportunity. Competition in the leisure field in the United States is stiff, but England is "wide open", he said.

"I think the price of $5m for a racecourse is very reasonable because I have just tried buying one in the United States and there they want between $40 and $60m."

He would keep the Grand National at Aintree, but in addition would like to use it for motorcycle racing, trotting and other events, which he now sponsors in the United States.

"I have heard that the course is used for only three races a year. I could promote between a hundred and two hundred races there", he said.

Not content with buying horses and courses, Mr Aoki intends to open two Japanese restaurants and a discotheque in London. He owns 27 restaurants in apan and 38 in the United States.

Mr Donald McCain, Red Rum's trainer, said yesterday that he would be prepared to Grand National if Mr Aoki's offer was successful. "I would be prepared to do that sooner than have him go elsewhere. I do not like the idea of a safari park", he said. But he emphasized that he had not

Sir D Napley to head safari park inquiry

Sir David Napley, a past-President of the Law Society, is to be chairman of an independent inquiry into allegations of cruelty to animals and questions of security at Windsor Safari Park.

The allegations weer made by some of the staff at the 160-acre park, which is owned by Trident Television. Twelve kepers weer suspended from duty after morning a picket line outside the park on Sunday to try to persuade visitors not to enter.

Last year Sir David attended as observer, on behalf of the South African Association of Law Societies, the inquest on the black consciousness leader, Mr Steve Biko, who died in police detention.

Duchess forced to postpone overseas visit

The Duke and Duchess of Kent have postponed a visit to New Zealand planned for next month because the Duchess may soon require surgery on her gall bladder, York House, St James's Palace, said yesterday.

The Duchess, aged 45, who is spending a few days at Windsor Castle with the Queen, will continue to fulfil offical public engagements in Britain. She is in the care of Sir Richard Bayliss, the Queens physician.

She and the Duke were to have begun a 12-day visit to New Zealand on May 10

The Duchess had a miscarriage in October last year, and was at first thought to have recovered well, but a month ago she had to cut short an engagement in Manchester on doctor's orders.

Six men on dollar premium plot charge

Six men, including a Bank of England official, were involved in a fraudulent scheme to obtain more than £1m by claiming the dollar premium on non-existent foreign investments, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr David Tudor Price, for the prosecution, said attempts were made to borrow vast sums from foreign banks, £60m was mentioned, so that they could pretend it was the proceeds from the sale of non-existent securities on which they could then claim the dollar premium.

To qualify for the dollar premium under exchange control regulations it was necessary to prove that investments had been held in an authorized depository since June 23, 1972, and that the owner was resident in the United Kingdom at that date.

Firms of solicitors were authorized depositories and the conspirators persuaded employees in the offices of two firms falsely to certify that the securities had been held by them since before that date and that their client had been resident in the United Kingdom since then.

Also essential to the scheme, Mr Tudor Price added, was "their man at the Bank of England", John Wales, aged 41, one of the six accused. He was their "safety net" at the bank.

A file was recovered from Mr Wales's office which was in fact a licence to print money, counsel added. In it was a letter signed by Mr Wales on behalf of the Bank of England which stated that a fictitious Mr Guardien qualified for the dollar premium.

In the dock were Mr Wales, of Hutsmead Close, Chislehurst, Kent; Reginald Thomas Atkins, aged 49, a company director, of Tamworth Lane, Shirley, Birmingham; Adrian Winston James, aged 31, a solicitor, of Cannon Hill Drive, Bray, Berkshire; John Stuart Robson, aged 56, a commodity trader, of Hall Green Lane, Hurton, Brentwood, Essex; Alfred Taylor, aged 60, a builder, of Inverness Terrace, Kensington, London; and Leonard Basil Ash, aged 38, a panel beater, of Platt Lane, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Nottinghamshire.

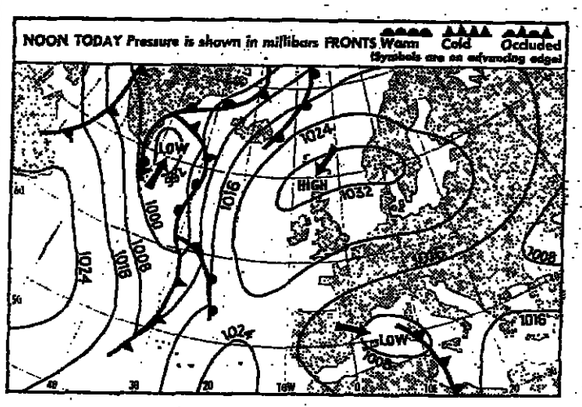
All were charged with conspiring between August, 1975, and April, 1976, with others dishonestly to obtain money from authorized dealers in investment currency by falsely pretending that currency which they would sell to the dealers was investment currency from which they were entitled to receive the dollar premium. All except Mr James were charged with a similar conspiracy between January and April, 1976.

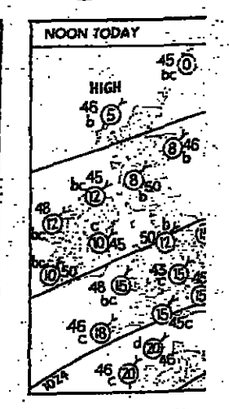
Mr James was charged with furnishing false information to the chief of the exchange control in October, 1975.

Mr Tudor Price said the amount the conspirators planned to pass through the system at various times varied from £2.5m and £20m. Taking the lower figure, if the plan had succeeded, the conspirators would have gained more than £1m.

The trial continues today.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.28 am Sun sets: 7.40 pm
Moon rises 5.31 am Moon sets: 5.20 pm
New moon: April 7.
Lighting up: 8.10 pm to 5.56 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.39 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 1.17 pm, 7.0m (22.8ft). Avonmouth, 6.32 am, 12.7m (41.8ft); 6.59 pm, 12.8m (42.0ft). Dover, 10.25 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 10.46 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Hull, 5.26 am, 6.9m (22.5ft); 5.37 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 10.34 am, 9.0m (29.5ft); 11.3 pm, 9.0m (25.4ft).

An anticyclone will be slow moving over Scotland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Midlands, central N England: Dry, sunny periods; wind NE, moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

SE, SW, central S England: Rather cloudy with occasional drizzle, becoming dry with bright or sunny periods; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° or 46°F).

East Anglia, E England: Mostly dry, sunny periods, perhaps rather cloudy at time with occasional drizzle on coasts; wind NE, moderate; max temp 8°C or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

Channel Islands: Cloudy, occasional drizzle; wind E, fresh, max temp 7°C (45°F).

Lake District, NW England, Wales, Glasgow, Argyll, SW Scotland, N Ireland, Isle of Man: Dry, sunny periods; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° or 55°F).

Borders, NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Azerdeen, Moray Firth: Dry, bright or sunny periods but rather cloudy at times; wind E or NE, light; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Central Highlands: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable, light; max temp 16°C (61°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable or SW, light; max temp 8°C (46°F).

NW Scotland: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable or SW, light; max temp 14°C (57°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdn	c	19	66	Cardiff	c	16	61	Lisbon	c	14	57
Algiers	s	20	68	Cologne	c	8	46	Locarno	c	17	63
Amsterdm	c	7	45	Copenhgn	s	9	48	London	c	8	46
Athens	s	16	61	Dublin	c	7	45	Luxemburg	c	10	50
Barcelona	s	16	61	Edinburgh	s	9	48	Madrid	c	10	50
Belfast	r	8	46	Florence	r	16	61	Majorca	s	17	63
Belgrad	r	8	46	Geneva	s	13	55	Malaga	c	17	63
Berlin	r	9	48	Gibraltar	r	14	57	Malta	c	16	61
Biarritz	r	14	57	Guernsey	c	7	45	Manchstr	s	10	50
Birmingham	c	6	43	Innsbruck	r	14	57	Moscow	r	6	43
Bristol	c	9	48	Jersey	d	7	45	Munich	c	9	48
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Budapest	c	16	61								

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Nice	r	16	61
Oslo	s	7	45
Paris	c	11	52
Reykjavik	d	2	36
Rome	r	15	59
Rotterdm	s	9	48
Stockholm	s	5	41
Tel Aviv	s	30	86
Venice	s	17	63
Vienna	r	13	55
Warsaw	c	8	46
Zurich	r	10	50

b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; c—overcast; f—fog; fr—hail; r—rain; t—thunderstorm; p—showery periodical rain with snow.

Outlook for tomorrow Friday: Little change.

Sea passages: S North Wind NE, fresh, decreasing moderate; sea moderate. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE, fresh; sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NE, moderate; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Rain, pm, 77 per cent. Rain, pm, a trace. Sun, 24hr nil. Bar, mean sea-level 1,020.5 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Germany, Dmk 2.50; Greece, Holland, Dfl 3.00; Hong Kong, 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Japan, Yen 80; Sweden, Switzerland, Skr 2.50; USA, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24

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ed: "On the whole, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Parliament and the way it works?". 45 per cent expressed satisfaction and 43 per cent replied unfavourably. That compares with 53 and 34 per cent respectively in a similar poll in 1966.

There was notable ignorance on the issue of MPs pay. Faced with a choice of four alternatives, only 27 per cent gave the correct figure of £6,270. One in five women questioned thought that MPs earned more than double that amount.

Knowledge of parliamentary procedure was also found to be weak. Given a choice of three answers, only 53 per cent proved capable of identifying the role of the Sepeaker. One of the incorrect answers was, "The man in charge of the microphone system in the House of Commons".

Less than a quarter were able to pick the right definition of the second reading of a Bill and 20 per cent of the younger age group thought that a backbencher was a member of the Opposition.

Perhaps most disturbing of all, one in ten agreed that the guillotine was the penalty, no longer imposed, for a member who is persistently absent from the House.



Mr John Tilley (right), prospective Labour candidate, canvassing in the Lambeth by-election.

Jobs will be key issue in by-election

By David Nicholson-Lord

High youth unemployment and long waiting lists for council homes will be among the main targets of Conservative and Liberal criticism in the by-election campaign in Lambeth, Central, south London. The contest was caused by the death of Mr Marcus Lipton, who held the seat for Labour in October, 1974, with a majority of 8,677. Polling takes place on April 20.

Both Mr Jereamy Hanley, the prospective Conservative candidate, and Mr David Blunt, the Liberal, emphasized at press conferences yesterday that local issues reflected national concern over inner-city decay. Lambeth has the highest youth unemployment rate in London, with about a thousand young people under 18 out of work, almost half of them black. The borough's housing waiting list, at 12,500, is one of the longest in London.

About a quarter of the constituency's 75,000 population is estimated to be coloured. Past election turnouts have been low; only 52.6 per cent of the electorate voted in October, 1974.

Mr Hanley, aged 32, a chartered accountant and son of the late Jimmy Hanley, the actor, said yesterday that he would campaign on youth employment, education and housing. He argued that Labour, which has controlled the local council for 38 of the past 41 years, had allowed council housing to deteriorate because people had been grateful merely to have a home. Government money was needed to improve council housing; inner-city aid announced last year by the Government was "peanuts".

Mr Hanley described himself as being in the middle of the party politically but a "hawk" on law and order. The "massive" rise in violent crime, particularly among the young, was caused by youth unemployment, bad schooling and lack of discipline in society, he said. Many difficulties would be solved by the presence o a well paid, well manned and trusted police force.

The Liberals came third in the general election, capturing 12.2 per cent of the vote, but were beaten into fourth place by the National Front in the GLC election when their share dropped to 4.5 per cent.

Mr Blunt, aged 33, a barrister, is supported in his candidature by the West Indian Block, a local grouping which is also operating an election pact with the Liberals in this year's London borough elections. He said he aimed to focus attention on poor housing, unemployment and education.

The prospective Labour candidate is Mr John Tilley, aged 36, a journalist and a member of Wandsworth council.

The result at the last general election was: M. Lipton (Lab), 15,381; N. Lyell (C), 6,704; P. Easton (L), 3,211.

Prosecution of school vandals' parents urged

From Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
Keynsham, Avon

Parents of school vandals should be prosecuted, Mr Norman Reece, chairman of the Avon Education Committee, told a Conservative Party conference at Keynsham, near Bristol, yesterday.

Vandalism in Avon's 600 schools was costing at least £50,000 a year, he said, despite the large sums being spent on school fences, alarms and other security measures. That money could be better spent elsewhere in education.

Parents should not be allowed to dodge their legal responsibility for their children, Mr Reece continued. Avon County Council were taking legal advice to see whether parents could be prosecuted for the criminal damage caused by their children.

Schools and teachers often came under attack for the low standards of discipline, behaviour and morality of children, he said. But a child was the product of its environment and he estimated that a child spent only a tenth of its time in class; nearly a third was spent sleeping and the rest was spent out of contact with teachers.

Others among an invited audience of about 160 teachers, youth leaders, local councillors and school governors and managers who attended the third and last of the Conservatives regional conferences on values, considered, however, that the teachers still had much to answer for.

Mrs Nora Houston, a Shepton Mallett councillor and a former teacher, called for much more scrutinizing of the private lives of teachers before they were appointed. "We should not have immoral people and sexual deviants coming into our schools", she said. She called for a national inquiry into sex education.

Mr Ernest Trumball, a school manager from Bristol, suggested that teachers should be compelled to have two or three years "learning about life" before being appointed to a teaching post. Young teachers who had gone straight from school to training college and back into school had not had time to learn moral values and were, therefore, not in a position to teach them to children.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman on education and chairman of the conference, agreed that the quality of the teaching of religious and moral values was all-importan. It was better not to have religious education at all if it were badly taught, he said.

Mr St John-Stevas said that he would like to see the teaching of religious and moral values reinstated in schools so that every child was given at least two hours a week of religious education based on Christianity by appropriately qualified teachers.

Non-Christian religions should be included in schools which had a substantial proportion of non-Christian children. Where comparative religion or secular moral philosophies were taught that should not be at the expense of what was traditionally regarded as religious education.

Ex-soldier died from 1944 bullet wound

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

The German bullet that felled Private Robert Neale on a Normandy beach during the D-Day landings caused his death almost 34 years later. Dr Herbert Pilling, the Sheffield coroner, said at the inquest yesterday: "It is remarkable that he lived so long with an injury of this kind".

Only brilliant surgery saved Mr Neale's life at the time, although he lost an eye and was never able to work. Finally the bullet wound in the head took its toll, the coroner was told. Mr Neale, aged 52, developed meningitis, a threat that always hung over him, and three weeks later he died in hospital.

Dr Pilling recorded the rare verdict of death by misadventure in war.

Mr Neale went into the Army at 18 after leaving his cutlery works job. Within a year he had been wounded. The injury was such that he was not expected to live long but at a special head injuries unit at St Hugh's Hospital, Oxford, doctors implanted a plate in his head and he recovered.

Mrs Elizabeth Neale, aged 79, his mother, with whom he lived in Penrith Road, Sheffield, said: "The wonder is that he lived so long. He was never able to work and was prone to blackouts."

Compassionate view of prison inmates

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Some prisons are a national disgrace, Mr Kenneth Neale, Controller for Planning and Development in the Prison Department, said yesterday. But, he added, "So are some of the human rookeries in which many people live in the urban industrial areas; and so is the apathetic complacency that sometimes seems to surround the problems of social deprivation, moral degradation and spiritual aridity that still engulf so many needy people in our affluent community."

Mr Neale, who was speaking at a conference by the Howard League for Penal Reform, pointed out that many prisoners were decently housed and fed in tolerable circumstances.

"Those who, despised and rejected for whatever reasons, are degraded, devalue not merely themselves but also the society in which they live."

Mr Neale said that critics who placed too much emphasis on reconviction rates in search of straight and simple answers misunderstood the nature of the issue.

"We are working on the margin of success", he said. "In the mai nwe have to be content with this."

andidates to contest arscadden seat

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s closed yesterday lection at Galsgow, which will be held y. Six candidates the Labour-held election, caused by Mr William Small- n has become a Scotland battle be- r and the Scottish y.

Dewar, aged 40, a ur MP for Aber- from 1966 to 1970, nding the seat. Mr , aged 50, also a lawyer, is challenging again for the SNP. Mr Iain Lawson, aged 25, a shop manager, is the Tory candidate.

Mrs Shiona Farrell, aged 26, the third lawyer in the contest, represents the breakaway Scottish Labour Party, a threat to the traditional Labour vote that may be compounded by the remaining candidates, Mr Peter Porteous, Socialist Workers' Party, and Mr Samuel Barr, communist.

General election: W. W. Small (Lab) 19,737; K. Bovey (SNP) 12,111; J. Corbett (C) 5,004; M. R. Kibby (L) 1,915. Lab maj. 7,626.

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The cod catch in England and Wales fell from almost 164,000 tonnes in 1976 to less than 109,000 tonnes last year, while mackerel rose from 56,000 tonnes to almost 135,000 tonnes. But although less cod was caught last year, it was worth £56m, compared with £10,250,000 for the greater weight of mackerel.

Although the growing popularity of products like smoked mackerel is raising the value of the catch, it needs to increase much more to show a profit. The continuing demand for white fish is reflected in increased import figures for frozen fillets of species that have seldom been eaten in the past.

As recently as 1975 frozen hake was not listed separately in the ministry survey. In 1976 more than 3,000 tonnes of frozen hake were imported, mainly from South Africa and South America, at a cost of almost £1,500,000. Last year the tonnage rose to more than 4,500.

More than 30,000 tonnes of loose frozen cod fillets were imported last year throughout the United Kingdom at a cost of £38m to meet persistent consumer demand. Although family consumption of fish is falling, the share of sales held by frozen fish is rising.

Processers and grocers are trying to coax householders away from cod by selling frozen portions and fish fingers made from hake, coley or whiting, or mixtures of those with cod, at a lower price than pure cod products.

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Bill of Rights based on European convention urged

By Marcel Berlins

The European Convention on Human Rights should form the basis of a Bill of Rights for the United Kingdom, Mr Georg Kahn-Ackermann, Director-General of the Council of Europe, said in London yesterday.

He told a press conference that the adoption of the convention into British law would make little difference in practice at present. In the long term, however, it was preferable that the law of all 20 Council of Europe members should correspond to the terms of the convention.

Mr Kahn-Ackermann said attempts were being made to speed the procedure for bringing complaints to the European Commission of Human Rights and the court in Strasbourg.

Since 1966, when the United Kingdom Government first allowed individuals to take complaints before the commission, there had been 1,508 applications, of which only 62 were declared admissible, that is, fulfilled the requirements for being considered further.

Judgment in the Isle of Man birching case is to be given by the European Court in Strasbourg on April 25. The oral hearing before the court in the case in which *The Sunday Times* is claiming that the English law of contempt in civil cases is in breach of the convention takes place on April 24 and 25.

Tory trade unionists attack NUR policy on 'Front'

By Our Labour Reporter

Conservative trade unionists yesterday put down an emergency motion for the party's central council attacking plans by the National Union of Railwaymen to take action against members who belong to the National Front.

At the same time the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers disclosed that it had ordered for distribution 10,000 copies of the joint TUC-Labour Party leaflet, *The National Front is a Nazi Front.*

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the NUR, said last week that the union's executive was ready to expel members belonging to the National Front.

The Conservative trade unionists' motion, which will go before the council's meeting in Leicester next weekend, "deplores the attempt by the NUR to exclude from membership anyone belonging to a political party of which they do not approve".

It attacks legislation which, it says, makes it possible under a closed shop for a railway employee expelled from his union to lose his job.

Mr Callaghan's comment: In an indirect reference to the NUR decision, the Prime Minister said during question time in the Commons yesterday that he would utterly deplore a situation in which employees were dismissed because of their political views, however objectionable (our Parliamentary Correspondent writes).

There were some limitations in the case of employees in the Crown Service and possibly in the police; but generally speaking that should be the rule. He hoped everybody would accept that.

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y over witness in Moors murder case

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Mr Smith, who was married to Myra Hindley's sister, Maureen, at the time of the murders, was interviewed on the London Weekend Television programme, *Weekend World*, on Sunday.

He said Mr Brady knew he "really despised" the person in question.

Mr Smith was asked in the programme: "Were you expecting Brady to go and find him, and do him in for you, as it were?" He replied: "I cannot rightly remember, but I think so. I think that was the purpose of me taking a photograph of him, to provide Ian with a photograph so that he could not get the wrong person."

It was stated on the programme, however, that the photograph was never taken. Mr Smith went to take it, but forgot the film, and as far as he knew the man was still alive. When asked how serious the talk was about the man, Mr Smith replied: "My feelings towards him were very serious."

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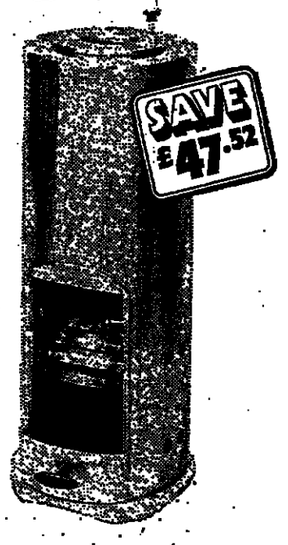
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Trunk road schemes costing £90m dropped after departmental review of needs and priorities

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

More than 30 trunk road schemes costing £90m have been dropped after a critical review of the roads programme by the Department of Transport in the light of traffic forecasts and economic, energy and environmental factors.

That is disclosed in the first of a series of annual White Papers which will enable Parliament to debate the broad outlines and regional details of the Government's roads programme.

It proposes a more modest programme—about £300m a year in today's terms—in the light o fslower predicted traffic growth, greater collaboration with local authorities over new trunk roads in towns, a more flexible approach to road resign to fit local conditions, and an acceptance of uncertainty in the light of future energy and economic prospects.

Massive investment in the trunk road and motorway system—more than £6,700m at 1977 prices in the past 15 years—has reduced and in many places eliminated congestion on roads between towns and cities, the White Paper says. However, the main industrial priorities, notably adequate routes to the main ports and a ring road around London, remain; and there is still heavy traffic through some towns and villages.

The White Paper says that in each case it has to be decided whether to improve an existing road, perhaps with a traffic management scheme, or to build a new by-pass or a new route, and if so to what standard. "The benefits which come from a new road are widely dispersed among a wide number of people, some of whom may not notice them. The penalty in terms of environmental damage is usually confined to a small area, but is not less severe on that account."

The department is beginning to use the "framework" approach recommended by the Leitch committee, which sets out the advantages and disadvantages of road proposals to various groups of people. It accepts that uncertainties are fundamental in the forecasting process. It stares:

Recognition of uncertainty is now a basic part of the approach to roads policy, but it does not mean that planning must stop. Uncertainty is not a reason for taking no decisions; it is an added difficulty in taking those which have to be taken.

To plan for too high a rate of growth means that roads are built to too high a standard and resources wasted; but to underestimate growth can mean that improved roads have to be improved yet again as traffic increases; this is not only wasteful, but disturbing to those who live near roads and inconvenient to those who use them.

Car ownership continues to grow, though more slowly than formerly, and the number of people with driving licences continues to rise. Traffic can be expected to continue to increase as the national economy grows; the Government aims to stimulate economic growth, and the benefits of North Sea oil will be used to help to achieve that objective.

The best judgment that can be made now is that the demand for transport and the number of vehicles on the roads will continue to increase. In the longer term other sources of power or transport may have to be found. Synthetic oil, derived from coal, and the development of electric vehicles seem now to be the most promising alternatives.

The department is reviewing more than 400 schemes in the roads programme in the light of the new approach set out in the White Paper. Needs and priorities are being reexamined. About 34 schemes, costing £90m, have been dropped, to be replaced in most cases by bypasses and small improvement schemes at a total cost of £20m.

The new route between Oxford and Birmingham may be scaled down, whereas under the old policies a motorway link between the two arms of the M40 would have been an automatic choice. The link between the M6 and Telford will be a two-lane rather than a three-lane motorway, and the A27 between Havant and Chichester will be an all-purpose road rather than a motorway. It is clear, however, that the present top priorities, the M25 round London, the main industrial routes and roads to the ports, must remain unchanged.

Policy for Roads: England 1978 (Cmnd 7132, Stationery Office, £1.60).

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11 improvement schemes are dropped

The following schemes were withdrawn from the trunk road programme without replacement:

A1: Gosforth High St diversion, Tyne and Wear. A1: Skellow crossroads flyover, S Yorkshire. A6: Matlock town centre, Derbyshire. A10: Foxton level crossing, Cabs. A13: Lodge Lane improvement, Essex. A41: Hartspring—Brockley, Herts. A45: Bury—Rougham, Suffolk. A45: Haughley—Stowmarket, Suffolk. A46: Painswick by-pass, Glouces. A47: M69/A47 spur, Leics. A127: GLC boundary, Moor Lane, Gr London.

Schemes withdrawn from the trunk road programme, to be replaced by more limited schemes (in parentheses):

A1/603: Sandy Junction, Beds (minor improvements). A5: Shrewsbury — Rhoswiel, Salop (smaller schemes, including Oswestry and Nesscliff by-passes). A10: Brandon Creek—Southery, Norfolk (minor improvements). A11: Stump Cross—Newmarket, Cambs (minor improvements). A27: Lewes—Beddingham, East Sussex (minor improvements). A41: A405—Berrygrove junction, Hertfordshire (minor improvements). A41: M34—Whitchurch by-pass, Salop/Staffs (minor improvements). A45: A1093—Levington Heath, Suffolk (minor improvements).

A47: East Dereham—Hockering, Norfolk (East Dereham—North Tuddenham). A47: Hockering—Easton, Norfolk (minor improvements). A47: Kings Lynn—East Dereham, Norfolk (Narborough by-pass). A47: Kings Lynn—Peterborough, Norfolk/Cambs) (Thorney and Eye by-passes, minor improvements). A49: Hereford—Shrewsbury (Onibury diversion). A49: Hunger Hill—Dorrington, Salop (Hunger Hill diversion). A49: Shrewsbury—Whitchurch, Salop (Prees by-pass-Prees Green diversion). A59: East and West Marton diversion, North Yorks (minor improvements).

A127: GLC boundary—Southend, Essex (smaller schemes in due course). A127: Rayleigh Weir, Essex (minor improvements). A339: Basingstoke northern by-pass, Hampshire(minor improvements). A458: A5 west to the Welsh border, Salop (small schemes). A463: Llangun Pontrilas (English section). Hereford and Worcester (Llangua village by-pass scheme). A483: A5 south to the Welsh border, Salop (small schemes). A595: Thursby—Carlisle, Cumbria (Thursby by-pass). A1079: Market Weighton—York, Humberside/north Yorks (minor improvements).

White paper suggests more open, impartial inquiries

By Our Transport Correspondent

New and more open inquiries into trunk road schemes, with greater assurance of impartiality, are recommended in a White Paper by the Departments of Transport and the Environment published yesterday.

It proposes that inspectors conducting road inquiries shall in future be chosen by the Lord Chancellor rather than the department; that objectors shall have as much information as the departments for assessing future road proposals and have it in good time; and that alternative routes shall receive full consideration with the one proposed and around which an inquiry formally revolves.

The review on which the White Paper reports has taken two years and was set up after serious disruption at the Airedale inquiry in West Yorkshire in 1975.

It concedes that there has been increasing concern about the effect of road schemes on communities and their environment and that there have been serious difficulties at some important inquiries in the past two years.

Of 27 public inquiries into big road schemes in England last year, most were conducted without incident, the White Paper says. "Even so, it is clear that there are many responsible people with moderate views who are deeply concerned about the fairness of thehighway inquiry system. It is their confidence which needs to be restored."

Criticism has focused on the position of the Secretary of State for Transport as both proposing the scheme and being associated with the decision. An inquiry is one stage in a long process that may take up to 15 years and, the White Paper says, it is not always appreciated that the Government is not irrevocably committed until a contract has been let.

But the inquiry undoubtedly is the focus not only of those generally interested but of those totally opposed. "While objectors must be given the opportunity of having their case fully and fairly heard, unnecessary delays which are costly to all participants must be avoided.

"The Government is particularly concerned that people living in the area directly affected should not suffer from blight longer than is absolutely necessary. These two considerations may conflict. A balance has to be struck.

Three main issues lie at the root of dissatisfaction, the White Paper says: The basic issue of the need for the proposed road; where it should run; and the need for fair treatment at inquiries.

On the issue of the need for a road, some people suggest that there is little evidence of the democratic process at work. They suspect that each road proposal is the outcome of decisions by officials. "In fact, ministers personally make the major decisions about road policy and strategy.

"This is not always fully understood, nor is the fact that ministers are themselves accountable to Parliament; that officials are subordinate to their ministers: and that the purpose of highway inquiries is not to enable local objectors to debate national issues nor to overrule the democratic decision of Parliament.

"Even so, there is genuine concern about the adequacy of available information."

On fair treatment at inquiries, much concern centres on the fact that inspectors are appointed by the Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment. Some objectors have argued that this must inevitably prejudice the inspector's independence.

"This suspicion is unfounded. Inspectors are chosen for their qualities of open-mindedness and sound administrative perception and judgment; for their ability to assess reasoned argument; and for their personal integrity."

Nevertheless the government recognizes that present arrangements may give a misleading impression and in future the Lord Chancellor will be asked to nominate inspectors for particular inquiries.

National transport policies are a matter for debate in Parliament, the White Paper says, and are unsuitable for debate at local inquiries. The new series of annual White Papers on roads will provide a better basis for reporting to Parliament and for debate; and technical matters such as forecasts and evaluations will be subject to rigorous examination by a new independent body, the Standing Advisory Committee, whose chairman, Sir George Leitch, headed the recent inquiry into roads policy.

The Government believes there will be advantage in holding an inquiry concurrently into more than one route where, after public consultation, the Department of Transport feels that there is more than one practicable alternative. For a trial period inquiries are to examine such alternatives or variations and the inspector will take them into consideration when making his recommendations.

To make sure that everyone interested can examine the proposals in detail the Department of Transport will explore ways of providing effective library and information facilities either at the place of the inquiry or near-by.

A coordinator will be appointed for major inquiries, answerable to the inspector, whose job will be to ensure that teh arrangements for the inquiry and any pre-inquiry meeting matched the needs of all the participants.

The Government believes that no one having legitimate and material points to raise at the inquiry should be denied a hearing. "But some discretion must be left to the inspector.

Report on Review of Highway Procedures (Cmnd 7133, Stationery Office, 35p).

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Researchers dispute 'energy gap' estimate

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Disagreement over three important aspects of the Government's recent discussion paper on energy policy is contained in a report by the Science Policy Research Unit of Sussex University.

It is the first extensive review of the latest official estimates of energy needs, which were published with an invitation for expert criticism before decisions were made affecting plans over the next 25 years.

The study published yesterday by Dr J. H. Chesshire and Dr A. J. Surrey concludes that there is no evidence of an "energy gap" in the next 20 years and therefore no need for an urgent decision to proceed with a fast breeder nuclear reactor programme.

In addition, they argue that government views on growth of demand for electricity take no account of the potential for enhanced natural gas supplies, which will obviate the need for any large increase in electricity generating plant in the time being considered.

Nevertheless, there are similarities between the work done for the Government and that by Sussex University. Neither group believes that alternative sources of renewable energy, like the sun and wind and wave power, will make a significant contribution to energy supplies over the next 25 years. Both forecasts are made with the intention of maintaining a high level of economic growth.

The difference is in the way they assess the use of fuel by various parts of the community. The Sussex group examines energy demand by looking at the use in domestic consumption, by transport, iron and steel making, manufacturing industries, and other final consumers. It relates economic growth and energy demand in these various sectors.

The government paper, on the other hand, links overall economic growth with overall estimates of energy demand.

That method, called the "top down" approach to energy forecasting, has severe limitations, according to Dr Chesshire and Dr Surrey. They say it cannot distinguishd between competitive fuel demands, where substitution takes place according to relative prices a therm, and specific demands for particular fuels, which are determined by the technology involved; for example, petrol for cars, coking coal for blast furnaces, and naphtha and natural gas for petrochemicl feedstocks.

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Threat of change to traditional life-style

From Ronald Faux
Lerwick

Shetland will today start to reconsider its relationship with the outside world when the Nevis report is handed to the Shetland Islands Council.

The report, commissioned by the council at a cost of £43,000, sets out the constitutional options facing the islanders in the approach of devolution, oil revenues, and the threat of change to a traditional way of life.

It makes no recommendations but merely describes the implications to Shetland if the council, which recently received a massive vote of confidence in a local referendum, sought to follow any one of nine alternatives, varying from Shetland remaining within a devolved Sotland to Shetland as an independent island group financed by North Sea oil revenues.

With the options spelt out and support assured from the islanders for the way the issue is being handled, the polite growl that marks the council's relationship with the Scottish Office is likely to strengthen into tough demands. That will be put to Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, when he visits Shetland next month after the local elections.

Shetland has less interest in becoming independent or in tinkering with its constitution than it has in safeguarding the power the council already holds. The council is bidding high, with Shetland's strategic importance as an oil base, to right what are felt to be ancient wrongs.

The Shetland research and development department has listed some of the inequalities that the islands have suffered under successive governments. High among them is the cost of reaching Shetland from the mainland, and the absence of any transport subsidy even though it is the most distant point of the British Isles.

The council points out that only the Orkney and Shetland routes in Scotland are not subsidized, and that adds unfairly to the cost of living in the population basis the transport islands. It believes that on a subsidy for Sherland should be about £1m a year, which would halve the cost of shipping goods and give a spur to traditional industries.

The council also seeks to win better treatment for its fishing, agriculture, and knitwear industries, which have already been harmed as North Sea oil becomes the dominant factor in Shetland's economy.

The weakness in Sherl argument for better treat lies in the wealth that will into the council from th industry through the le charge on oil coming int tion Voe, from revenues number of ventures in the council has an interes from the rates on oil con buildings.

The reserve fund will h least £30m by the turn century to help Shetland adjust after the oil has and the rates paid by t companies will reach at £7.5m a year when the Voe terminal is in action

The council admits that figures could be conse and do not take accou the possibility that other lines will land at Sullon showering even more mo the 20,000 islanders.

"It may seem wrong insisting on more gove help when so much w pouring in, but the terri pact of oil on Shetland a cost of accommodatin industry cannot be ignor councillor said.

Already the rate grant to Shetland has sharply because of the oi have soared in the through the high wages the oil companies.

If industrial derat applied to the oil activi value of having the i on its doorstep wo helved to the council. the oil reserve fund would not reequip a fleet and reestablish a k industry when the ended.

Mr A. L. Tulloch, chai the council, said i wanted only to protect nomy of the islands an that there would be r between the Shetland Council Act, which g council powerful conti development in Shetla the Government's de Bill.

The Shetland motto laws shall the land up", is apt here. "I been given ministeria ances that nothing changed, but one gov cannot speak for the i if seems that an early the Scottish assembly to reorganize local gov That means us. All w to have Shetland's a safeguarded by law. T really are the most re unreasonable people likely to meet," he said.

Tomorrow: A change

Change in Manx work permit rule opposed

From Our Correspondent
Douglas, IoM

Changes i nthe Isle of Man's stringent work permit system, under which it could be avoided by marriages of convenience, yesterday ran into opposition from Manx MPs in the Legislative Council, the upper house of the island's Parliament.

It is proposed that outsiders who marry a Manx man or woman will be exempt from work permit requirements and retain that exemption after any break-up of the marriage. MPs said they would oppose it when the legislation came up for second reading in a month's time.

Deficit forces up some opera prices

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter

Because of a deficit in the last financial year Covent Garden has raised seat prices for three productions this summer to their highest level, even with a top price of £17.50. The best seats in the amphitheatre (the upper gallery) will cost £7.

The management has imposed the increases on productions replete with international stars, believing that the public will be willing to pay.

The productions involved are: serrat Caballé and Grace Bumbry; Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde*, with Jon Vickers and Roberta Knie; and a new production of Verdi's *Luisa Miller*, with Luciano Pavarotti, Katia Ricciarelli and Ingvar Wixell, and with Lorin Maazel making his conducting debut at Covent Garden.

The deficit has been caused partly by the pressures of inflation and partly bya slightly smaller box office takings than expected at the start of this year.

Mr Paul Findlay, the assistant administrator, said they were looking for economies in all areas and rigorously scrutinizing budgets. Where there was insufficient subsidy the extra money had to be found from income.

The seat price increases for those productions are a temporary measure. When the new season starts in the autumn the prices for all performances will go up, but the size of the increase has not been fixed.

The opera House is still facing difficulties arising from the dispute involvng stage hands, who are refusing to handle scenery for the production of Mazart's *Iomeneo* unless they are paid extra for shifting the heavy sets.

Although the performances of *Idomeneo* have finished, the scenery is still standing at the back of the stage and the men will not move scenery which is behind it.

Some productions have gone ahead, but officials are worried that unless the dispute is resolved the scenery for Weber's *Der Freischütz*, which starts next week, will not be available.



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Princess's work for children praised

Lady Aberdeen and Temair yesterday spoke out against recent criticism of Princess Margaret's private life when she deputized for her at an engagement in Edinburgh.

The Princess had to cancel visits to the annual meetings of the Scottish Children's League of Pity and the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children because she is suffering from influenza. Clarence House said yesterday the Princess's condition was improving.

At the meeting of the league, of which Princess Margaret is president, Lady Aberdeen said she would like to express publicly "how much we in the league resent remarks made about her Royal Highness".

The league knew full well how seriously the Princess took the presidency of the society, how much she did for them, and how much they owed to her, she said. "For several years I have seen how much she loves this particular meeting and the children who take part in it; she would not willingly stay away."

Later Jimmy Savile, the television entertainer, guest speaker at the meeting, said in answer to a question whether he would join the league: "I cannot say 'yes' to being a figurehead and a name. You should not do anything unless you are going to do it properly."

Two drivers on deaths charge

Two drivers have been charged with causing the deaths of six people by dangerous driving after a coach crash on the Scottish border last September.

Hedley Tait, of Hull, and Archibald C. Stewart, of Brigham, near Coldstream, denied the offence yesterday at Selkirk Sheriff Court. The trial was fixed or April 24.

£200,000 damage done to transatlantic cables

Mr David Mudd, Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne, has expressed concern about disclosures of an increase in damage to cables off the Cornish coast.

He does not agree with a suggestion by an American field engineer supervising cable repairs off Falmouth that cables are damaged deliberately by East European trawlers.

The Post Office telecommunications department has disclosed £200,000 of damage to the three transatlantic cables off Cornwall. In a letter to Mr Mudd the managing director, Mr Peter Benton, says: "The Cornish cables hav esustained seven faults, of which five are attributed to trawlers. Four of the five occurred in 1977."

Mr Mudd says: "Fishing up a hefty great cable is not something which can be done easily. I do not believe it is deliberate. However, with the cost of modern trawling equipment running into thousands, skippers will obviously cut cables free to save losing the trawl, and somebody has to pay for the damage."

He is to take up the question at international level.

No opposition by planni board to Ennerdale sch

From Our Correspondent
Grasmere

The Lake District Special Planning Board voted yesterday to take no action to oppose the North West Water Authority's proposal to increase abstraction from Ennerdale until Cumbria County Council has studied and commented on the latest report from the board's consultant water engineer.

That decision overruled a recommendation by the planning board's own planning committee that the board oppose the abstraction.

Conservative county lors on the planni wished to avoid a conf with the county cou originally decided not to the Ennerdale sch councillors felt the would give the count time to think again.

However, it is still l in view of objection Ennerdale scheme lodged by the Country mission, the National Friends of the Lake and other amenity rions, there will be inquiry.

Scientists preparing for new wave of art forgeries

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

Forensic scientists are preparing for a new wave of art forgeries after evidence of faking published in The Times and elsewhere.

In Cambridge yesterday, where she is one of the organizing staff of a three-day conference arranged by the Royal Microscopical Society, Miss Dorothy Catling, of the Metropolitan Police forensic science laboratory, told me that it expected more such forgeries.

Methods of detection have greatly improved, and while the present conference attended by many European experts features only one paper on forgery detection, it will serve to illustrate the amount of progres achieved, particularly in the care and restoration of paintings and sculpture.

Dr Lorenzo Lazzarini, of Venice, brought photo-micrographs of 200 examples of stonework deterioration which he has linked to a computer programme, and he also showed the effects long immersion has had on ceramics brought up from the lagoon.

Dr Herman Kuhn, of the Deutsche Museum, Munich, will be describing today the use of microscopy as an aid in the detection of forgeries in paintings and graphic arts; and Mr J. A. Swift, of the Unilever research laboratory, will talk about the study by electron and nuclear microprobe of ancient hairs, including those of Egyptian mummies, Danish bog bodies, the medieval English, Jane Austen and Napoleon Bonaparte.

Most, he says, are contaminated by fungi and some have undergone subtle surface degradation. Only in the case of Jane Austen's locks was it possible to glean information about cosmetic habits.

As for a theory put forward in the early 1960s that analysis of Napoleon's hair pointed to the possibility of his death by arsenic poisoning, MrSwift will tell delegates today that while his own laboratory's confirmed the preser high concentration of information about the tion of it in Napoleon, still largely fragmen inconclusive in so f bears on the nature death.

Mrs Kathryn Tubbs, Institute of Archaeolo yesterday about the with the fifteenth-cent en angels on the roof Trinity Church, Bl Suffolk, and said that the most modern me detection and treatme erase the damaging e insecticides.

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ıarles Hargrove
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He was considered to be one of the few leading personalities of the Government majority with a proven "left-wing sensitivity" who, in the event of a victory by a short head, would carry conviction with the opposition and the trade unions, and implement the policy of social reform and political liberalization to which President Giscard d'Estaing had pledged himself.

There are many shared characteristics between the "liberal reformism" of the President of the Republic and the "progressive Gaullism" of the president of the National Assembly. In 1969, several years before the publication of *Democratie Française*, M Giscard d'Estaing's patern for a "freer, more just, and more fraternal society", M Chaban-Delmas, the newly appointed Prime Minister, had outlined in his programme speech to Parliament what he described as the "new society" France should aim at creating.

The conservative character of the French social structure, he emphasized, fostered ideological extremism. That was why France "never succeeded in carrying out reforms otherwise than by pretending to bring about revolutions." "I conceive this new society", he added, "as a prosperous, young, generous and free society."

He went on to propose a number of reforms which have a familiar ring: the cutting lose of the radio and television networks from the state's apron strings; suppression of bureaucratic controls; improvement of working conditions; raising of old-age pensions and *worker participation in management*.

In the key parliamentary role of president of the National Assembly, he will in the short term be an extremely valuable instrument of President Giscard d'Estaing's endeavours to establish a "reasonable coexistence", between the Majority and the opposition.

"I return", he said yesterday after his election with a side-glance both at the Gaullists and at the left, "in the same spirit which make human relations rest on honest mutual respect, and tolerance."

In the longer term, M Chaban-Delmas can powerfully assist in the broadening of the Government Majority, to include those Socialists disgusted with the Communist alliance.

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r Correspondent
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Since the Oreja speech Señor Enrique Mugica, the Socialist president of the Cortes' defence committee, and Señor Luis Solana, a Socialist MP, have visited Washington, where Nato was discussed.

The American view is that while Spain's membership of Nato is very important, any undue pressure to join would probably be counterproductive. It is also held that the different parties must arrive at some kind of general agreement on the issue, for a divided Spain would not be a very desirable member. If Spain's wish is to be part of Europe, then it cannot pick and choose and must belong wholeheartedly.

In both the Socialist and Communist parties there is a strong anti-American feeling, generated by the American influence during the Franco dictatorship.

Recent Western estimates put the numerical strength of Nato forces well below that of the Warsaw Pact countries. Spain's membership (the Army numbers about 220,000, the Navy 47,000 and the Air Force 34,000) would not greatly alter those ratios. But in strategic terms, with its commanding position in the Mediterranean, Spain's contribution to the Atlantic alliance would be far more important.

A far more serious problem is Gibraltar, for as one well placed source put it: "Spain could hardly form part of an alliance a member of which owned a piece of Spanish territory".

The Gibraltar problem, a good emotional rallying point for any government, would have to be solved beforehand in some form.

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Dr Waldheim opens extension to UN court

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, April 4

Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, today inaugurated a new wing of the Peace Palace in The Hague in the presence of Queen Juliana. The Peace Palace, which was completed in 1913, houses the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial arm of the United Nations.

The new wing was added at a cost of more than £2m to the Dutch Government to provide more suitable surroundings for the 15 judges of the court.

Although the court employs only about 30 permanent officials, the Peace Palace was felt to have inadequate office space. Some years ago the judges asked that the seat of the court be moved from The Hague if conditions could not be improved.

French left's electoral defeat results in painful process of public soul-searching

Communist leadership challenged

From Ian Murray
Paris, April 4

The French Communist Party has begun a painful process of public soul-searching in the wake of the left's defeat in last month's elections.

The debate, between intellectuals and traditional hard liners, centres on why the left lost and what level of responsibility the party should bear for the defeat. The infallibility of the party leadership is being questioned and it is being suggested that there is a need for a far more democratic party.

Yesterday, M Georges Marchais, the party leader, called a press conference to tell journalists that the Communist deputies would press the Government for an immediate increase in the minimum basic wage to 2,400 francs (£276) a month—a 37 per cent rise. All the journalists wanted to hear was what was happening within the party.

It was true, he said, that a fuller debate was going on within the party than had ever taken place before. It was going on in every one of the 29,099 party cells throughout the country, in the higher sections and in the federal committees.

M Marchais was well prepared and ready for the next question. The debate, he said, showed just how well the party had developed democracy among members in recent years so that now all 630,000 members were joining in the debate.

He was also glad about the debate because it was going to help the development of "future fights". But when all was said and one there were, he admitted, several disagreements.

The party had received 31 letters, mostly from individuals, complaining about the fact that at its twenty-second congress two years ago the party had dropped the doctrine of the infallibility of the proletariat. M Marchais thus tried to minimize the importance and, at the same time, to isolate the protesters.

Nevertheless, he is well aware that the debate is not one being conducted by a few renegades. Communist intellectuals of the stature of M Gérard Molina, M Raymond Jean and M Jean Elleinstein have used the columns of *Le Monde* and extreme left papers such as *Politique Hebdo* and *Rouge* to make their dissatisfaction known. MElleinstein in particular is among those who hold that the twenty-second congress did not go far enough.

The argument is that the party tactics before the election were largely responsible for the defeat of the left and that no matter how valid the arguments of the party, the stand taken over the common programme by the leadership meant that defeat was inevitable.

The party leadership really comprises six men: M Marchais and the five members of the Central Committee secretariat. M Marchais told the press conference he had been asked if heads would now roll. "I have replied that no, the basket will remain empty."

There would be no expulsions from the party. "The period of expulsions is definitely over with us."

Nevertheless, the party leaders are aware that the movement for change within the party is now so real that they must listen to it if they are to retain control.

For M Marchais and the secretariat victory in the elections this time took second place to maintaining a firm line on policy. Just before the elections M Charles Fitterman, the party's number two, claimed that "history is on our side".

However, the disappointment of the rank and file at failing to win is not tempered by such philosophies and so the demand for greater control over the leadership is growing from the base.

Meanwhile, the Communist led CGT union is under strong attack by the Socialist-controlled CFDT union for its part in the election campaign.

The CFDT maintains that M Georges Séguy, the CGT leader, as a member of the Communist Party's Politburo, contributed to the defeat, and he has been questioned as to how he can reconcile his trade union role with his political career. The dispute between the two unions —the most powerful in France —continues with a nearly daily acrimonious exchange of letters.

Higher farm incomes demanded by Benelux

Luxembourg, April.—Benelux agriculture ministers today demanded higher price rises for their farmers than the 2 per cent proopsed by the EEC Commission, but Britain again backed a price freeze for surplus products, EEC sources said.

Ina strong statement, Mr Antoine Humblet insisted that Belgiu mmust be allowed to take special measures outside the 1978-79 prices package to aid its farmers who would get almost no increases for their milk and some cereals.

About 400 Belgian farmers demonstrated earlier today outside the building where EEC Ministers met in support of an average rise of 5 per cent.

Mr John Silkin, British Agriculture Minister, told journalists he again demanded a prices freeze and hoped final decisions on the package could be taken at the ministers' next meeting here later this month.

Other vital issues for Britain would then be an extension for its butter subsidy of 8.5p a lb, a change in the EEC's border taxes on pigmeats and Britain's right to maintain its milk marketing boards.

Herr Josef Ertl, of West Germany believes that differences in economic performance threaten the EEC's common agricultural policy and that only complete economic and monetary union could solve the problem.—Reuter.

US may stop uranium shipments to EEC

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, April 4

Shipments of enriched uranium to the EEC from the United States could be cut off from next week unless heads of government of the Nine, who meet next Friday and Saturday in Copenhagen, can persuade the French to agree to renegotiate the terms under which American nuclear fuel and material is supplied.

At a meeting here today, M Louis de Guiringaud, the acting French Foreign Minister, told his EEC colleagues that France could not accede to the American request for renegotiation until the outcome of the international talks on nuclear fuel-cycle evaluation are completed, which may not be for another 18 months.

In the face of this stiff French attitude, it was agreed to forward the matter to the heads of government in the hope that they will be able to break the deadlock. The United States has given the EEC until April 9, one day after the Copenhagen talks—to indicate willingness to renegotiate the agreement.

If this deadline is missed, the EEC could face the full rigour of America's Nuclear non-Proliferation Act, which was signed into law by President Carter last month. The Act requires prior United States consent for the retransfer of American-supplied nuclear fuer or reactors to non-EEC countries and for the reprocessing of American-supplied fuel.

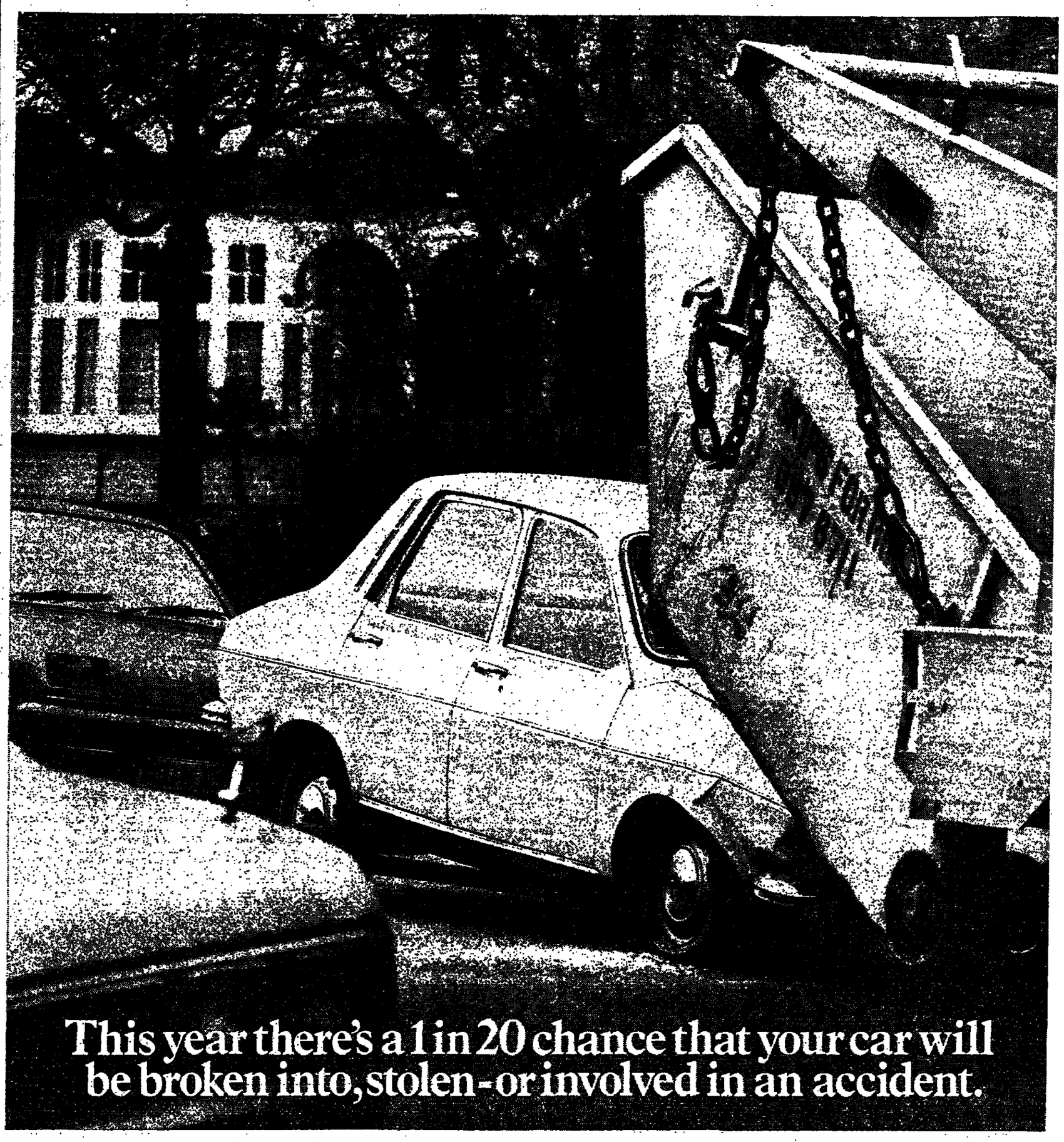
Failure to comply with the new Act could lead to a refusal by America's Independent Nuclear Regulatory Commission to authorize further deliveries of enriched uranium to the EEC. America is the source of almost all the Community's highly enriched uranium and about 45 per cent of its normally enriched uranium (used in nuclear power stations).

If the EEC agreed by April 9 to renegotiate the supply arrangements to bring them into line with American law, the Community would be exempt for at least 24 months from the two politically sensitive requirements on retransfer and reprocessing. This exemption could be extended for a further year or more.

In these circumstances, all EEC member states other than the French see no harm in falling in with American wishes. But the French, who are pushing ahead with an advanced fast-breeder programme and do not want their hands tied in any way on reprocessing, are taking a highly legalistic line.

The French insist that there was a clear understanding that there would be no change in existing supply arrangements pending the outcome of the talks on nuclear fuel-cycle evaluation, which are mainly concerned with the problems associated with plutonium, a reprocessed fuel vital for fast-breeder reactors.

The talks were initiated at the seven-nation economic summit meeting in Downing Street last year.



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Greece angered by US move to lift Turkish arms embargo

From Mario Modiano
Athens, April 4

The Greek Government has been angered by President Carter's decision to ask Congress this week to lift unconditionally the arms embargo imposed on Turkey after the invasion of Cyprus.

The Government's reaction has been made known in Washington in fairly strong terms in the past 48 hours, but there has been no formal protest yet.

The Greeks are particularly distressed that the Carter Administration should have assumed this initiative without waiting for progress on the Cyprus problem, as Congress required up to now.

Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Greek Defence Minister, stated: "I do not believe it is right or fair to propose the lifting of the embargo before the Turkish side submits, as promised, reasonable proposals for a Cyprus settlement to the Secretary General of the United Nations."

Greek officials seem convinced that the resumption of United States arms deliveries are bound to harden the Turkish Government's attitude both on Cyprus and the Aegean.

The police have increased their security precautions concerning American diplomats and buildings in Greece. A strong reaction is building up against the Americans.

It appears, however, that American officials have tried to reassure the Greeks and the Greek Cypriots that once the embargo is out of the way, the Turkish Government proposes to move swiftly towards a Cyprus settlement.

There was an impression among some Greek officials that Turkish proposals on Cyprus would be submitted to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, within the current month

Ankara, April 4.—Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, told reporters he recognized a "new and hopeful" stage in Turkish-American relations as a result of Mr Carter's decision.—Reuter.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, leader of the main opposition party, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, called for the immediate closing down of all United States bases in Greece, and for Greece's complete withdrawal from the North Atlantic Alliance.

According to the State Department, the United States Government has given up the idea of ratifying the United States-Turkish defence cooperation agreement, which provided for military aid of $1,000m over four years, in favour of simply asking Congress to dissociate the arms embargo from American military aid to Turkey which is to be allocated annually.

It was officially announced today that officals of the Greek and Turkish foreign ministries are to meet in Ankara on April 14 to follow up the Greek-Turkish dialogue initiated by the two prime ministers at Montreux last month and prepare the next summit which will probably be held in Washington at the end of May.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: Supporters of Greece and Greek Cypriots in Congress here are already preparing themselves for a campaign to ensure that the United States embargo on arms sales to Turkey continues unchanged.

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Redgrave foes taken to task at Oscar ritual

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles, April 4

The British actress Vanessa Redgrave struck out at her critics last night when she was awarded an Oscar for best supporting actress for the film *Julia*.

After receiving her prize at the fiftieth Academy awards ceremony, miss Redgrave told the audience: "You have stood firm and refused to by intimidated by a small band of Zionist hoodlums who have insulted Jews all over the world in their struggle against Fascism and Nazism." She was referring to criticism by some American Jewish groups of her sympathetic an dfinancial support of the documentary film, *The Palestinians*, which she narrated.

The applause for her Oscar victory turned to hisses and jeers in the celebrity-filled theatre as she vowed to continue her fight against anti-Semitism

Outside, members of the militant Jewish Defence League, who had condemned Miss Redgrave and the documentary as being pro-Arab and anti-Israel, clashed with members of the American Nazi Party.

Miss Redgrave's comments were challenged by writer-producer Paddy Chayefsky, who said: "I'm sick and tired of people exploiting the Academy Awards to propagate their own personal political proaganda."

Later, backstage, the American actor Charlton Heston, former resident of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, also critcized Miss Redgrave for expounding her political views on the Oscar platform.

"She is a very political lady", Mr Heston said, "but a very gifted one."



Vaneesa Redgrave and her award for best supporting actress after a controversial night

Miss Redgrave said afterwards that "this film (*The Palestinians*) should be shown on television where millions of Americans can see the truth for themselves".

The full list of Academy awards was as follows:

Best actor: Richard Dreyfuss in *The Goodbye Girl*.
Best actress: Diane eKaton in *Annie Hall*.
Best film: *Annie Hall*.
Best supporting actor: Jason Robards in *Julia*.
Best supporting actress: Vanessa Redgrave in *Julia*.
Best director: Woody Allen in *Annie Hall*.
Best scriptwriter: Woody Allen in *Annie Hall*.
Best song: *You Light Up My Life*.
Best foreign language film: *Madame Rosa* from France.
Live action, short subject: *I'll Find a Way* by the National Film Board of Canada.
Animated short film: *Sand Castle*, by the National Film Board of Canada.
Sound: *Star Wars*.
Visual effects: *Star Wars*.
Documentar yfeature: *Who are the Debulis? And Where Did They Get 19 Kids?*
Documentary short subject: *Gravity Is My Enemy*.
Art direction: *Star Wars*.
Costume design: *Star Wars*.
Best original score: *Star Wars*.
Best score adaptation: *A Little Night Music*.
Cinematography: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.
Film editing: *Star Wars*.
Irving Thalberg Award for producers: Walter Mirisch.
Best adapted screenplay: Alvin Sargent for *Julia*.

Lebanese forces show the flag in south

From David Watts
Beirut, April 4

For the first time for more than two years the Lebanese Government acted today to reestablish its authority over the country's south, which has been under the control of Palestinian fighters since they were driven out of Jordan by King Hussin after 1970.

The Government's "expeditionary" force was small, only 30 gendarmes, but the significance of their dispatch to patrol the coast road between Tyre and Sidon lay in the fact that the Lebanese themselves are now becoming involved in trying to get their own house in order in the south. The gendarmes will cooperate with the French paratroopers of the United Nations interim force in Lebanon, who are already stationed at a barracks just outside Tyre.

Eventually it ih hoped that units of a reorganized Lebanese Army will be able to play a role in the peacekeeping forces, according to government officials, but for the present the Lebanese Government wants to restrict its armed presence in the south to less controversial gendarmes for fear or reviving some of the religious differences just below the surface in the country. During the civil war the Lebanese Army split along confessional lines and the Government is trying to rebuild it with religiously balanced units.

Before a greater role could be played by the Lebanese Army in the south there would have to be an understanding with both the Syrians and the Palestinians. It is understood that contacts aimed at reaching such an agreement are already taking place.

A team of Americans began talks today on how the Army should be rebuilt and how it should absorb the $100m (£55m) of American military aid promised during a visit to Lebanon last August by Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State. The Lebanese hope eventually to send an armoured brigade to the south.

In Beirut today the Commander of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, Lieutenant-Gener Ensio Siilasvuo, met Brigadie General Victor Khouri, Co mander of the Lebanese Arm General Siilasvuo confirme that there were now 1,800 that there were now 1,8 United Nations troops Lebanon and that a furth group of Norwegians arriv today.

He said that during disc sions with the Israelis no fi date for their complete wi drawal had been set. T Israelis have previously s that they would pull out som time this month.

Meanwhile, Major-Gene Emmanuel Erskine, the co mander of the United Natio interim forces, travell through from the Israeli lines visit his troops and made symbolic crossing of Kasmieh bridge outside T which the Palestinians h been refusing to cede to United Nations troops.

Michael Knipe writes fr Jerusalem: The number civilians killed by Israeli m tary forces in their invasion southern Lebanon last mont estimated by Western diplo tic sources to be about 1,00

Israeli military authori have said they can neither firm nor deny this but cont that the figure seems high is basde on hospital reports on lists drawn up by vill leaders.

Israeli forces in south Lebanon are being slo reduced, according to Isr and United Nations spokesm A United Nations source that the Israeli forces pulled back, leaving them a three-mile strip along Israeli border inside Leba Bucharest: President Ceaus of Romania today told Moshe Dayan, the Israeli eign Minister, who is visi here, that Israel should pull of occupied Arab lands as of a Middle East peace se ment.—Reuter.

Luxembourg: Despite rene pleas from Egypt, EEC For Ministers today decided ag any further public statemen support for President Se peace initiative in the Mi East beyond that issued a end of last year (Mic Hornsby writes).

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Nkomo denials fail to dispel feeling he may join in Smith accord

From Nicholas Ashford
Recently in Lusaka

"Is this the face of a sell-out?" Mr Joshua Nkomo bellowed from behind a large desk at his luxurious residence in Lusaka. "Let me tell you that I will never be a party to an agreement that negates what I have given over half my life for. You must not associate my name with that treasonous and faked agreement between Mr Smith and the other three."

Mr Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, which is carrying on the guerrilla war in Rhodesia, was replying in typically rumbustious fashion during an interview with me to the persistent speculation in Salisbury and elsewhere that he would eventually agree to participate in the internal Rhodesian agreement. This agreement was signed in Salisbury last month between Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and three black leaders living in Rhodesia.

Mr Nkomo's rejection of such a "treasonable" suggestion seemed categoric and unambiguous. Yet the impression, erroneous or not, still persists that if the internal agreement seems to be beginning to work Mr Nkomo will not want to be left out in the cold.

Mr Smith has stated that he expects Mr Nkomo will eventually return. Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, one of the internal leaders, have both expressed the desirability of seeing Mr Nkomo back in Salisbury. Members of Mr Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front fear he could be lured back.

Mr Nkomo, however, is convinced that the internal agreement does not stand a chance of working. The signatories to the Salisbury accord would not be able to organize elections because there is still a war going on, he said. And that war would not stop because "I am in charge of the guerrillas."

He described the internal agreement as "a UDI within a UDI". There was no statute within the existing constitution which provided for the establishment of a transitional government. So a situation now existed in Rhodesia that not only was the constitution illegal but the internal leaders were also breaking the laws of that illegal constitution.

In Mr Nkomo's opinion Mr Smith was still running the country just as he had done before, despite the inclusion of three black leaders in the Executive Council. Bishop Muzorewa, Mr Sitbole and Chief Chirau were just "puppets" who were now "part and parcel of all that is going on in the country, the murder, the hangings, the detention camps, the shootings".

They might wish to end those things but they did not have the power, he said. Mr Smith was still in office, the white Parliament was still sitting, the mained unchanged. Lieutenant-General Peter Walls had taken over the chairmanship of the War Council and he was responsible only to Mr Smith. Therefore Mr Smith, and not the three black leaders, controlled the war.

Mr Nkomo denied suggestions that the internal agreements had put him on the defensive, and tehre was certainly little in his outward appearance to suggest that he was a man who believed the tide was beginning to move against him. Not only did he appear confident but he looked in better physical condition, having lost some weight in recent weeks.

Nevertheless, there can be no denying that the internal agreement has made him more favourable towards the Anglo-American settlement plan than was previously the case. The recent summit meeting of "front line" leaders in Dar es Salaam expressed its support for the Anglo-American proposals and Mr Nkomo said the communiqué issued at the end of that meeting "contained those views which he had put to the front line states".

Mr Nkomo gave the impression that a compromise may now be possible during the talks between the Patriotic Front, Britain and the United States on those issues over which there was disagreement at the Malta meeting last February. He made it clear that the Patriotic Front would be likely to participate at an eventual full-scale conference to be attended by all parties involved in the Rhodesian conflict.

Despite his rejection of the internal agreement, he said: "We expect everybody will be there at the appropriate time when we are discussing appropriate matters. It is not our business if those people (Mr Smith and the internal leaders) come or do not come." In the meantime, the guerrilla war would be intensified, he said, using the words of a now familiar refrain.

Unita claims successes in war for south Angola

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

"Steady success" in its military campaign in southern Angola against the Marxist regime in Luanda is reported by the guerrilla organization Unita (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola). Nearly half of the area of Angola and more than half the population is under Unita's control, a spokesman claimed yesterday.

In the course of 80 battle engagements during February, 580 enemy soldiers were killed for the loss of 78 of their own men, Mr Jeremiah Chitunda, Unita's information secretary, said in London. Unita was now resisting one of the biggest offensives ever mounted against them, in Cuando-Cubango province.

In this offensive Mr Chitunda said the forces supporting the Luanda regime included 5,000 Cubans.

Mr Chirunda said he was in London to pass on an appeal by Unita's leader, Dr Jonas Savimbi, for western understanding and support.

Unita believed tha tit had overcome the critical phase in its survival and could maintain its struggle for years, if necessary. As an instance of its success, he said a full company of MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) soldiers had recently turned themselves over to Unita

Unita recognized that a military solution in Angola was neither possible nor desirable but while it remained favourable to a dialogue the MPLA reality, Mr Chitunda said.

Governor given more time to explain fund use

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, April 4

Mr George Wallace, Governor of Alabama, has been given another two weeks to account for the use of more than $90,000 (about £50,000) worth of campaign funds spent during his attempt to become President

The Federal Election Commission, which has been auditing his 1976 campaign expenditure, cannot account for nearly $97,000 used mainly as advances for his campaign workers.

Appearing before the commission here late yesterday, Mr Wallace said there was nothing improper about the payments

Heyerdahl claims Tigris's voyage makes two points

Djibouti, April 4

Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian adventurer, claiming success for the cruise of his reed boat Tigris, burnt the craft to protest against war and arms sales.

Professor Heyerdahl, aged 63, and his 10 crewmates from eight countries set the vessel alight five miles offshore from Djibouti after they were refused entry at the port of Massawa, Ethiopia, because of the war there between Ethiopians and Eritreans.

In an open letter to Dr Kurt Waldheim, United Nations Secretary General, the Tigris crew said: "The double objectives of the expediition have been achieved to our complete satisfaction."

The voyage was "into the past to study the qualities of a prehistoric vessel; but also into the future to demonstrate that no space is too restricted for the peaceful coexistence of men who work for common survival.

"We have shown that the ancient people in Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley and Egypt could have built man's earliest civilizations through mutual contact with the primitive vessels at their disposal 5,000 years ago.

"... And today we burn our proud ships with sails up and rig and vessel in perfect shape to protest against the inhuman elements of the world of 1978. We are forced to stop at the entrance to the Red Sea, surrounded by military aircraft and warships from the world's most developed nations."—UPI

Ethiopian ambassador ha meeting with Dr Owen

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

The deterioration in relations between Britain and Ethiopia was the main subject discussed when Mr Ayalew Wolde-Chiorgis, the Ethiopian Ambassador in London, called on Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday.

Britain has no intention of breaking off diplomatic relations, despite the great concern expressed about reports of atrocities and violation of human rights in Ethiopia.

On the Ethiopian side, there is a growing feeling of alienation and anger which could lead to a diplomatic rupture. The Government in Addis Ababa believes that all the Western powers are opposed to the Ethiopian revolution, as a matter of class interest.

Resentment is particularly strong against Britain, with a feeling after publication of *The Times*' account of the "red terror" in Addis Ababa, that British opinion is whipped up deliberately ag the regime. Because the re referred to events which said to have occurred not but some weeks ago it is as especially provocative, article was distributed y day to all members of United Nations in New at the request of the S mission.)

Our Nairobi Correspo writes: The Ethiopian G ment has described the of Britain, the United and France in staging exercises off the Hor Africa as "provocative intimidating.

The statement referred exercise being directed by Admiral Martin Wemyss, Officer, Second Flotilla, the cruiser Tiger.

Five British frigates, American destroyers an French frigates are taking along with four Royal Auxiliary support ships.

Shot youth's parents seel independent inquiry

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, April 4

Pale and distressed, the parents of 18-year-old Nicholas Love, the British youth shot dead last week by Botswana soldiers, arrived in Johannesburg today to try to learn the truth about how their son died.

Mr John Love, a Lloyd's underwriter, said that their objective must be an independent judicial inquiry into what happened.

The boy's body will be cremated in Johannesburg tomorrow. Mr Love said: "We will be taking his ashes back home."

Post-mortem examinations were carried out yesterday in Pretoria on the bodies of Nicholas Love and the two South Africans killed with him, Mr Billy de Beer, aged 25, and Mr Mike Arden, aged 23, Mr Roger Knight, a British pathologist.

Dr Jan de Beer, the father of Billy de Beer, who was also present, said that it was c all three had died imme from multiple gunshot w There were no outward that they had been ass before being killed.

According to an Botswana statement, all wr waring military-styl cl when they were detain Botswana sodirs last W day But pople who saw taken away say they were ing khaki shirts and the normal rig among working in the bush.

The Botswana auth have also revealed that South African, Mr Neville aged 25, is being held in Gaborone by immig authorities.

Mr Ross has been since he stayed overnigh Mr de Beer and Nichola on March 20, seven days they were killed. He w ing to get through Bo into Rhodesia to joi Rhodesian Army.

Computer reads books to the bli

From Michael Leapman
New York, April 4

A computer which reads printed material aloud to the blind is having its first public test in a Manhattan library. Those who have used it find that, once they have learnt to understand the machine's peculiar accent—like that of a Scandinavian "Dalek"—it gives them welcome access to books which they could not have read for themselves.

The test in Manhattan is being sponsored by the National Federation for the Blind, which has bought six of the 20 computers built so far. The device was invented by Mr Ray Kurzweil, who developed it while an undergraduate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has founded his own company to produce it commercially.

He hopes to bring the price down from its present $50,000 (£28,000) to $5,000. He also wants to reduce the size to something which can be carried in a briefcase. The present model is slightly bigger than a large television set.

It works by scanning the print of books or pamphlets with a beam of light. (So far it is not good at deciphering the less clear print of newspapers.) It can read any of 200 type styles at between 150 and 200 words a minute.

Having scanned the print it then applies to the words it reads 1,000 rules of pronunciation and grammar and 3,000 exceptions to those rules with which it has been programmed. It then simulates human speech electronically.

Mr Armand Isip, the official at the library who is in charge of the experiment, says the machine should be regarded as a supplement to Braille rather than a replacement of it. That view was reinforced by Mr Steven Matzura, a young blind man who has used it twice.

"It's not a panacea", he said. "What it reads it reads very well, though it has some peculiarities, like purpozzyful."

"Purpozzyful?" I inquired.

"That's the way it pronounces purposeful. Last week I brought in the novel R for it to read but it didi that. It was confused italic title at the top of page and it made a n the beginning two li every page."

The machine also ha culties with switching letters to numbers. been reading letters and a two it will want to pro it as a Z", Mr Matzur "And if it sees a circle know if it is an O or a

It takes only an hour of training for a blind to learn to operate the puter. Mr Isip, who teste machine wearing a blin mastered its intricacies hours.

He is excited by its bilities. Once the few fections are cleared away if a sufficient number c obtained, he believes the puters can open up the of the library's collection blind. The machine will a of special value in affo access to text books needs advanced study.

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deer team towing a skier in an international race in the polar city of Murmansk during s Festival of the North, which celebrates the end of the Arctic winter.

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chael Binyon
April 4
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ilway, known by its am, has been called ject of the century" far the Soviet Union's onstruction project. arallel to the Trans- Railway but several niles north, it is the key to the entire economic development of eastern Siberia.

Begun in 1974, the railway will run through some of the most inhospitable landscape anywhere in the world, like the huge projects of the 1930s and 1940s it has been given top priority with a vast and unpublished budget and a labour force of more than 100,000. The line is due to be completed in 1985.

Much has been done to attract workers, and fresh food, entertainment, housing and large financial incentives are available to them. But there has been frequent criticism in the Soviet press that the project is badly managed and falling behind schedule.

Carved through swamp, rock, forest, mountain and perfafrost, the line is labour-intensive as many machines cannot be used in the intense cold. Temperatures in winter fall to −60°C, welding equipment seizes up and rails and girders turn brittle and break.

The second rail route to the Pacific has strategic as well as economic importance. The old Trans-Siberian Railway, built in Tsarist days, runs very close to the Chinese frontier for much of its length. The new route to the north would be far harder to cut in case of hostilities, and could provide a new mobility to Soviet troops. Stations along the virgin route will be built up to become important industrial and regional centres.

Finland and Russia mark treaty anniversary

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, April 4

Mr Kaveli Sorsa, the Finnish Prime Minister, arrived in Moscow today for the celebration of the thirteieth anniversary of the 1948 treaty between Finland and the Soviet Union which falls on Thursday. Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has gone to Helsinki to represent the Soviet Government at similar celebrations there.

The Soviet press had marked the anniversary with articles praising the treaty as an example of how tow countries with different social and economic systems can live together in friendship. The treaty is indeed the cornerstone of Soviet-Finnish relations, and has twice been renewed without alteration. It now runs until 1990.

The main aspect of the "Treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance" is the military provisions. These stipulate that the Finns themselves will repel any military attack directed at the Soviet Union via Finland, and clearly refers to Germany and the Nato powers.

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April 4.—The Japan- decision to open controversial new port on May 20 after today approved a leftwingers scheduled opening
also approved of an elite police protect the airport ing attacks.—Reuter.

Ghana bans three groups

Accra, April 4.—Ghana's military government has banned three political organizations after the national referendum showed a majority in favour of single-party rule.

One group banned is the Peoples' Movement for Freedom and Justice led by General Kwasi Afrifa, a former member of the National Liberation Council and Mr K. A. Gbedemah, a former finance minister under Dr Kwame Nkrumah.

Also outlawed are a political organization called The Third Force led by Dr Kwame Bilson, a medical practitioner, and the Front for the Prevention of Dictatorship, led by Dr Safo-Adu, another Accra doctor.

In the referendum, Ghana's 4,600,000 voters were asked to vote "Yes" or "No" to a concept of union government proposed by the ruling Supreme Military Council as a prelude to a return to civilian rule promised for 1979.

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it is plain these Mr Moon and his re felt by the South vernment to be more arrassment than an loon's political influ- the wane. A recently ally newspaper, *The News World*, began by losing money at the rate of £250,000 a month, despite being run mainly by Moon members who draw no salary. From December this loss was £125,000.

One bonus of having such a newspaper, however loss-making, is that it affords Unification Church members opportunities of regular visits to the House of Represenetatives, the Senate and the State Department because they are accredited correspondents.

Mr Moon's political aspirations probably reached their peak at the time of Watergate when his support for President Nixon achieved the intended wide publicity, but rebounded badly.

Evidence unwillingly given under subpoena by Mr Daniel G. Fefferman to the Fraser committee clearly shows the Freedom Leadership Foundation, of which he was the former secretary-general, to be the political arm of the Unification Church and staffed by church followers. Efforts to keep Mr Nixon in power, codenamed Project Watergate, had been executed more like a military manoeuvre than a mass prayer meeting.

Advertiseents in which Mr Moon pledged his support for Mr Nixon were placed in important newspapers across America and thousands of Moon members were mobilized in a crusade of national prayer and fasting ending with a rally across the stree from the White House, which Mrs Tricia Nixon Cox, President Nixon's daughter, attended to express her appreciation. Mr Moon met Mr Nixon privately the following morning.

Mr Fefferman claimed he did not know why Mr Salonen, head of the Freedom Leadership Foundation as well as of the Unification Church in America, had said the aWtergate Project could help improve the standing of the Unification Church with the South Korean Government.

But a speech by Mr Salonen, which appeared in *New Hope News*, a Unification Church publication, read as follows: "When aFther came to the United States his primary purpose was to do things to make him influential in Korea.

"The Day of Hope Tour and specially the rallies in support of President Nixon were far more significant due to the impact they had in Korea than their impact here. . . . If it was important in Korea and if it helped to bring the Government and pur church close together than it was more important than anything else."

I put it to Mr Salonen that evidence collected by the Fraser committee showed the Freedom Leadership Foundation to be the forceful political arm of the Unification Church. He replied: "There is a strong prohibition of a tax-exempt organization in the United States doing political work, so we stay away from it."

However, a former member of the foundation who asked not to be identified in any way because he does not want any approaches from its members, talked to me in New York.

He said: "Neil Salonen was told to start a front to do political work in America. The church was already doing political work in Japan and Korea. The Freedom Leadership Foundation was formed in about March, 1970. We hoped to provide an alternative political strategy for the West, and in particular for America, to counteract Marxist-Leninist philosophy. We had two or three workshops which were open to the public but which, in principle, were attended by Unification Church members."

Another close tie between the South Korean Government and the Moon movement is its second in command, Mr Pak Bo Hi, who was involved with the Unification Church in 1961 when he was military attaché at the Korean Embassy in Washington.

In the 1960s Mr Pak Bo Hi ran an organization called Radio Free Asia, using transmitters in South Korea without cost. The President of South Korea signed his name to requests for donations.

General Kim Hyung Wook, former director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) has given evidence to the Fraser committee that Mr Pak Bo Hi came to see him in Korea in 1965 to establish a broadcasting organization to beam to North Korea and China.

General Kim said: "We had no objection to that scheme. He wanted a permit from the Government which he received. I contacted the Ministry of Information to give this organization assistance, since this permit was under its jurisdiction.

"A year or two later I still did not find any trace that they were building such a broadcasting station, so I asked what was going on, what was happening. I received a report saying that broadcasting was being conducted by using the facilities of the Korean Central Broadcasting Station."

General Kim also testified to helping Mr Pak Bo Hi on a previous occasion, with the Little Angels choral group, which is one of Mr Moon's cultural activities.

He told the committee: "Mr Pak told me he had problems in obtaining passports for the members of this troupe to tour in the United States because of the difficulty in getting clearance of their personnel; and he told me that members of this group consisted of orphans.

"In Korea children of parents who have been members of the Communist Party or its affiliares are prohibited legally from going abroad.

"These two gentlemen (Mr Pak Bo Hi and the South Korean Ambassador) told me that the performance of this group would enhance national prestige overseas and it was a great undertaking.

"So I helped them by clearing the procedures and helped them go abroad. Once this was done they did not encounter any further problems of a similar nature overseas."

General Kim was asked if he was aware of the relationship between the Little Angels and Mr Moon and said he was not. He also said he was not aware of any connexion between Mr Moon and the South Korean Government.

Mr Donald Ranard, director of the Centre for International Policies in Washington and formerly head of the State Department's Korean Desk, points to an incident in 1974 which illustrates a South Korean Government connexion with the Unification Church.

He said: "We heard that the Korean Government was planning anti-Japanese demonstrations during the visit by Mr Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, to the United States. I telephoned the Korean Embassy to say that the State Department would look very unfavourably on any demonstrations. Coincidentally, the Unification Church called off its demonstration."

At an earlier committee hearing, Mr Chris Elkins, a former member of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, had testified to having been asked to throw eggs at the Japanese Embassy. A diversionary rally had been planned by the Unification Church to take place at Dupont Circle to keep the police tied up. The demonstration in front of the Japanese Embassy was called off at the last minute.

In a speech given by Mr Moon to his followers at Tarrytown on September 22, 1974 he said: "On September 12 the Korean Government did something to connect with me, and without their having done that the world situation could have been brought into turmoil and tension again.

"Some of you may have known that in Washington I had planned to have a demonstration and have you protest before the Korean Embassy and Japanese Embassy to arouse the attention of the people of the United States, but we had to quit that. We were stopped 30 minutes before it was due to begin."

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Chancery Division

Contract regulated by order of specific performance

Singh v Nazeer

Before Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment delivered March 22]

When an order for the specific performance of a contract for the sale of land is made, the contract continues to exist and is not merged in the order, but the rights that the contract confers do not remain unaffected. By applying for an order of specific performance and obtaining it, the applicant puts it into the hands of the court how the contract is to be carried out. The working out, variation or cancellation of the order is essentially a matter for the court. The order is made by reference to the rights of the parties under the contract, but when it is made, it is its provisions and not those of the contract that regulate how the contract is to be carried out.

His Lordship, delivering a reserved judgment, dismissed a motion by the defendant in the action, Mr Ahmed Nazeer, seeking, inter alia, an order against the plaintiff, Mr Sudagar Singh, that the deposit paid by Mr Singh as the purchaser under an agreement made between the parties for the sale of a house in London Road, Reading, to the former solicitors of Mr Nazeer, the vendor, should be forfeited under the terms of the agreement, and that the vendor should be given liberty to proceed to a resale of the property.

Mr D. J. Ritchie for the vendor; Mr Vivian Chapman for the purchaser.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the motion raised a curious and novel point. By an agreement dated June 5, 1972, in the form of the 1970 edition of the Law Society's contract for sale, the vendor agreed to sell the property to the purchaser for £6,400. The date fixed for completion by the contract was June 23, 1972. As the purchaser could not get the vendor to complete, he issued a writ against him in February, 1973, claiming specific performance and other relief. In May, 1976, judgment for specific performance was given for the purchaser. The vendor gave notice of appeal, and in June, 1977, the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal and refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Up to that point a willing purchaser had been proceeding against a firmly resisting vendor, but over the next eight months or so the purchaser became dilatory and the vendor became willing. Eventually the vendor's solicitors wrote to the purchaser's solicitors complaining of their unreasonable delay, and enclosed a 28-day completion notice given under General Condition 19 of the contract of sale. It was from that notice that the point of novelty arose.

The vendor's claim was founded on the purchaser's failure to comply with the completion notice, which by virtue of General Condition 19(4) made it an express term of the contract that the purchaser should complete within 28 days after service of the notice, time being of the essence.

When an order for specific performance had been made, was a completion notice subsequently served under the contract valid and effective? It sufficently appeared from *Austins of East Ham v Macey* ([1941] Ch 338) that when an order for the specific performance of a contract was made the contract continued to exist and did not merge in the order. To say that a contract still existed did not necessarily mean that the exercise of the rights that it conferred were unaffected by the order.

Secondly, it seemed clear that once an order for specific performance had been made, there were adequate remedies available to either party if the other did not appear to be proceeding under the order with due dispatch. The possibilities were set out in *Fry's Specific Performance* (6th ed, 1921, pp 546-553), and also see *Capital & Suburban Properties Ltd v Swycher* ([1976] Ch 319, 330, 331).

Thirdly, it seemed plain that in ordinary 'circumstances the machinery provisions of a contract for the sale of land were intended to govern the carrying out of the contract between the parties out of court but not when an order for specific performance had been made. That order was made, of course, by reference to the rights of the parties under the contract; but when it was made, it was the provisions of the order and not those of the contract which regulated the carrying out of the contract. Provisions in the contract as to the deduction of title, the preparation and delivery of the conveyance, the mode and date of completion and many other matters must all yield to any directions which were given in or under the order of specific performance.

Furthermore, his Lordship did not consider that General Condition 19, as a matter of construction, could be intended to operate in any case where a full decree of specific performance had been made. There was nothing in it to suggest that the parties had intended to contract that a notice under that condition was to supersede or transcend or vary or interfere with an order of the court for specific performance. It seemed to his Lordship that the condition was a useful and beneficial provision which was to apply to all normal cases where the parties were carrying out the contract out of court but was not intended to apply where the contract was being carried out under the directions of the court and those directions were not compatible with the operation of the condition.

Apart from the construction of the condition, and even if the condition were to be intended to apply despite an order for specific performance, his Lordship did not think it would be operative unless the order of the court contained some saving provision which preserved its effect. The applicability of the condition was something that could and should be argued out when the court decided what order to make and it might or might not help to shape the order that was made. Just as other provisions of the contract were superseded by the consequential directions given by the court, so the condition would be superseded by those directions.

His Lordship held that the completion notice was bad and dismissed the vendor's motion.

Solicitors: Rowberry Morris & Co, Reading; Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Francis & Parkes, Reading.

Apprentice not entitled to redundancy payment

North East Coast Shiprepairers Ltd v Secretary of State for Employment

Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mrs D. Ewing and Mr J. D. Hughes

[Judgment delivered March 21]

An apprentice who was dismissed at the end of his apprenticeship because no work was available for him as a journeyman was not entitled to a redundancy payment, and the employers, who had mistakenly made such a payment were not entitled to a rebate from the Secretary of State for Employment.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by the employers, North East Coast Shiprepairers Ltd, from a decision of an industrial tribunal sitting at Newcastle upon Tyne, that they were not entitled to recover a rebate from the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 30 of the Redundancy Payments Act, 1965, in respect of a redundancy payment made to an apprentice, Mr M. Addison.

Mr D. K. Rodgers, industrial relations director, for the company; Mr Michael Howard for the Secretary of State.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that Mr Addison was an apprentice under an agreement which expired on his twentieth birthday. In accordance with a union agreement, the company would then have taken him on as a journeyman fitter had work been available; but no work was available and he was told that when his apprenticeship expired he would not be offered employment. The company then paid him £42 purporting to be a redundancy payment and unsuccessfully applied for a rebate from the Secretary of State. The industrial tribunal upheld the refusal and the company appealed.

The question was whether the company was liable under the Act to make a redundancy payment. Mr Rodgers submitted that the agreement between the employers and the union was incorporated into the contract of employment. Even assuming that the contract of apprenticeship included an obligation by the employers to employ the apprentice as a journeyman if work was available, there was no doubt that when he became a journeyman a fresh contract was entered into under which the parties had different rights and duties.

The contract of apprenticeship was clearly a contract for a fixed term and non-renewal operated as a dismissal. The controversial question was whether or not the dismissal was attributable to the diminution of the requirements for journeymen fitters.

The industrial tribunal had held that it was not; that the dismissal was due to the fact that the fixed term contract had not been renewed; and that the contract being a contract of apprenticeship, there was no need for it to be renewed as it was a once-in-a-life-time agreement.

Similar difficulties could arise upon the expiry of any fixed term contract, although acute difficulty only arose where the fixed term contract was of such a kind that by its nature it would not be renewed. Even if one applied section 1(2)(b) of the Redundancy Payments Act by concentrating solely on the word "dismissal" and asked to what the dismissal was attributable, the answer had to be that it was attributable to Mr Addison not being taken on as a journeyman fitter. There was no right to a redundancy payment on the refusal of employment, not even when the refusal followed upon the cessation of previous, different employment.

Nor was there any right to compensation for unfair refusal of employment. In *Small v Lex Meat Southampton* ([1977] IRLR 48) an industrial tribunal had correctly rejected the claim of an apprentice whose contract had expired and who had claimed that his consequent dismissal was unfair inasmuch as he had not been "continued" in employment as a journeyman.

Accordingly the employers were never liable to pay Mr Addison a redundancy payment.

The matter had been put in an alternative way in reliance on the judgments in *Evenden v Guildford City Association Football Club* ([1974] ICR 554) and *Secretary of State for Employment v Globe Elastic Thread Co Ltd* ([1977] 3 WLR 293). In the latter case the Appeal Tribunal had held that the Secretary of State was liable to pay an employer a rebate in a case where what was in issue was not the entitlement to a redundancy payment or to a rebate, but the amount of the payment and rebate. As between the employer and the employee, the employer had been held to be estopped from denying continuity of employment, and thus to be liable to pay a larger redundancy payment than he had admitted. The Secretary of State was found liable to make a rebate, although not a party to the employer's promise upon which the estoppel was founded, on the ground that the employer, under section 30(1)(a), was "liable" to pay the redundancy payment—ie, by virtue of the estoppel.

Whatever might be said of the merits of that decision, the Appeal Tribunal were not prepared to extend the principle to a case where it was sought to make the Secretary of State liable to pay a rebate where the employer was not liable to make the employee a redundancy payment and his liability, if any, rested solely upon an estoppel to which the Secretary of State was not privy.

The appeal would be dismissed. Leave to appeal would be granted.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

Clearing the list

In order to clear the undefended lists, causes listed L and numbered from 1 to 5,000 from divorce county courts and the divorce registry for hearing in the divorce court list at the Royal Courts of Justice have been struck out where no application for a hearing date has been made, the Senior Registrar announces.

In the Special Procedure List all causes listed before the introduction of the prefix A have been struck out where the date fixed for the pronouncement of the decree has been vacated. Causes struck out may be restored to the list on application being made to the divorce registry.

LEGAL NOTICES

Company Petition No. 110 of 1978 Connected with Company Application No. 330 of 1977. In the HIGH COURT at CALCUTTA. Original Jurisdiction.
In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1956 and in the Matter of Sections 391, 390, 393 and 391 of the said Act and in the Matter of LIPTON (INDIA) Limited and in the Matter of LIPTON TEA (INDIA) Limited.
1. Lipton (India) Limited.
2. Lipton Tea (India) Limited. Petitioners

On the 24th February, 1978, a PETITION was presented to the Calcutta High Court by the petitioners under Section 391(2) of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") for CONFIRMATION of a SCHEME of ARRANGEMENT and AMALGAMATION proposed to be made between the petitioner No. 1 Lipton (India) Limited (hereinafter called "the Sterling Company") and its members, Campbell & Co (South India) Limited therein described and its members with the petitioner No. 2 Lipton Tea (India) Limited, (hereinafter called "the Indian Company") insofar as the said Scheme relates to the amalgamation of petitioner No. 1 with the petitioner No. 2. Under the said Scheme, the undertaking of the Sterling Company will be amalgamated with that of the Indian Company and the Indian Company will issue shares to the Shareholders of the Sterling Company in terms of the said Scheme. In the said petition the Sterling Company also applied for an order under Section 394 of the Act for transferring and vesting without further act or deed the undertaking of the Sterling Company. On the 27th February, 1978, the Court ordered that notice of the said Petition should be advertised.

The hearing of the said petition has been fixed for the 18th April, 1978. Any person interested in the matter and desirous of supporting or opposing the said petitioners' should send to the petitioners' Advocates the notice of his intention to do so signed by him or his Advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition the grounds of his opposition or a copy of his affidavit must be furnished with the notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges therefor.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1978.

(ORR, DIGNAM & CO), Petitioners' Advocates, 29 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta-700 001.

In the Matter of HONILOR Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 4th day of May, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses, and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 5BA, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, or, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 22nd day of March 1978.

PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A.
Liquidator.

This Notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

APOLLO AVIATION Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before the 28th day of April, 1978, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned BERNARD PHILLIPS, F.C.A., of 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8AH the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 17th day of March 1978.

BERNARD PHILLIPS,
Chartered Accountant.

KINGFISHER HOMESTEADS (BASINGSTOKE) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required on or before the 8th day of May, 1978, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned, BERNARD PHILLIPS, F.C.A., of 76, New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1978.

BERNARD PHILLIPS,
Chartered Accountant.

Re: HYDRAHEAT (KENT) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday, April 28th 1978 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned BERNARD PHILLIPS, F.C.A., at 76, New Cavendish Street, London, W.1. the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1978.

BERNARD PHILLIPS,
Chartered Accountant.

No: 002676 of 1977
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE In the Matter of READ LIMOUSINES SERVICES Limited of 8, Neville Street, London, S.W.7. Carrying on business as TAXI OPERATORS.

I, BERNARD PHILLIPS, F.C.A., of 76, New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade and Industry as LIQUIDATOR of the Estate of the above-named Company.

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BERNARD PHILLIPS,
Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL INVESTMENTS Limited.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Coopers & Lybrand, One Noble Street (entrance 29 Gresham Street, in Stalning Lane), London, EC2V 7DA on Thursday, the 6th day of April 1978, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this fourteenth day of March 1978.

By Order of the Board.
D. H. SNOW, F.C.C.A.,
Secretary.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 ENGLISH & CONTINENTAL PROPERTY COMPANY Limited.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Coopers & Lybrand, One Noble Street (entrance 29 Gresham Street, in Stalning Lane), London, EC2V 7DA on Thursday, the sixth day of April 1978, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this fourteenth day of March 1978.

By Order of the Board.
D. H. SNOW, F.C.C.A.,
Secretary.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of TECREDD INVESTMENTS Limited T/A COMPUTER CREDIT CONTROL. Nature of Business: Credit Control.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th March, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

Re: RANKFIELD Limited and The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 295 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH on Wednesday, 12th April, 1978 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1978.

JONATHAN H. BENNETT,
Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of No 00911 of 1978 CARON JEWELLERY COMPANY Limited No 00915 of 1978 COPEN INVESTMENTS Limited No 00919 of 1978 VESSONGS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that PETITIONS for the WINDING UP of the above named Companies by the High Court of Justice were on the 20th day of March 1978 presented to the said Court by The Commissioners of Inland Revenue of Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LB, and that the said Petitions are directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 24th day of April 1978, and any creditor or contributory of any of the said Companies desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on any of the said Petitions may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of any of the said Companies requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

ERIC MOSES, Solicitor of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of any of the said Petitions must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 21st day of April 1978.

In the Matter of CAMERON ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 29th day of April, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 5BA, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 22nd day of March 1978.

PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A.
Liquidator.

This Notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

In the Matter of C. G. KILLICK BUILDERS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned MICHAEL ANTHONY JORDAN of Messrs. W. H. Cork Gully & Co., Guildhall House, 81/87 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7ES one of the LIQUIDATORS of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 17th day of March 1978.

M. A. JORDAN,
Joint Liquidator

No. 0032 of 1978
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division. In the Matter of THE STEWART NAIRN GROUP Limited. And in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division, dated 24th day of March 1978, CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above named Company from £2,000,000 to £750,250 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the share capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 22nd day of March 1978.

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In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of WATERLOO WEB LITHO Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 269 of the Companies Act 1948, that a General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of Guildhall House, 81-87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Friday, the 14th day of April, 1978 at 11.30 a.m., to be followed immediately by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators Acts and Dealings and the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1978.

J. M. TREDALE
P. GRANVILLE-WHITE
Joint Liquidators.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BARCOMBE (WINE MERCHANTS) Limited T/A "TIDDLEYWINKS". Nature of Business: Wholesalers and retailers of wines and spirits.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

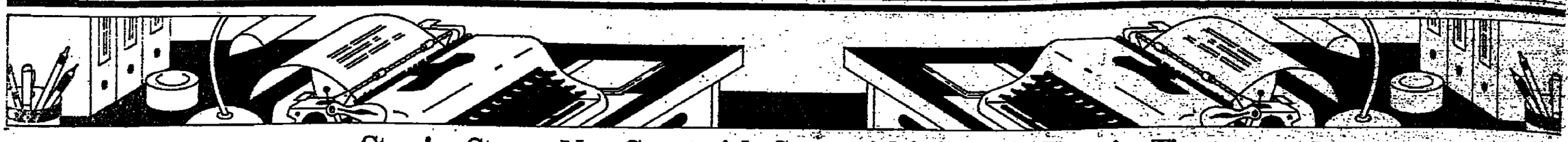
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of L.V. & M. THOMAS (BUILDERS) Limited. Nature of Business: Builders.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th April 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TRIMPEX Limited. Nature of Business: Importers and Exporters.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CREEDBROOK ENGINEERING Limited. Nature of Business: Electrical contractors and engineers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of POSTER CITY Limited. Nature of Business: Poster Promoters.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th April 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6LP at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HARGRAVE CONTRACTORS Limited. Nature of Business: Site Excavation.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and In the Matter of CLIFFORD WOOD (BRADFORD) Limited (In Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of Guildhall House, 81 87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Monday, the 10th day of April 1978, at 3 p.m. to be followed at 3.15 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1978.

R. W. HELLYER,
M. A. JORDAN,
Joint Liquidators.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ADASTRAL EXPORTS Limited Nature of Business: Importers and exporters of clothing, leather goods and machinery and property investment.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th February 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of M. F. DALTON & SONS (DULWICH) Limited. Nature of Business: Steel Fixing and Formwork Contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 4.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 4.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of STUDIO CUSHIONS Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacturers of Soft Furnishings.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 12th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of M.C. PLASTERING Limited. Nature of Business: Plasterers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th February, 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 12th April, 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 2.0 0o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TOP GRADE DISCOUNT STORES Limited. Nature of Business: Chemists.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

DUNSTABLE OPTICAL CO. LIMITED
The Companies Act, 1948
I, GEORGE ALBERT AUGER, Certified Accountant of Messrs. Stoy Hayward & Partners, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DJ, give notice that I was appointed LIQUIDATOR in the above matter on the 23rd day of March 1978. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
G. A. AUGER, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FRAMEHEAT ENGINEERING Limited No. 00973 of 1971.
Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND to Creditors is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 14th April, 1978, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.
J. B. CLEMETSON, Senior Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LION & UNICORN Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacturers, import and export consultants.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 11.30 o'clock
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of YHAP TRADING COMPANY Limited Nature of business. General Merchants.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 27th February 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of STANHOPE LLOYD Limited. Nature of Business: Insurance brokers and agents.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 12th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KINGS COURT (REGENTS PARK) Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ALCANNA (HAULAGE) Limited. Nature of Business: Haulage contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 12th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PASTONCOURT PROPERTIES Limited by Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated the 27th day of July 1977
I, GEORGE ALBERT AUGER, of MESSRS. STOY HAYWARD & PARNERS 44, Baker Street, London W1M 1DJ have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.
Dated this 22nd day of March 1978.
G. A. AUGER, Liquidator.

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UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTS

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19% U.K. Tax	=£0.02426326 per Sub-share
Exchange and M.N. Comm	=£0.00173025 per Sub-share
Net Payment	=£0.08255266 per Sub-share

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25% Dutch Tax	=£0.03192534 per Sub-share
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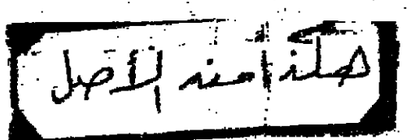
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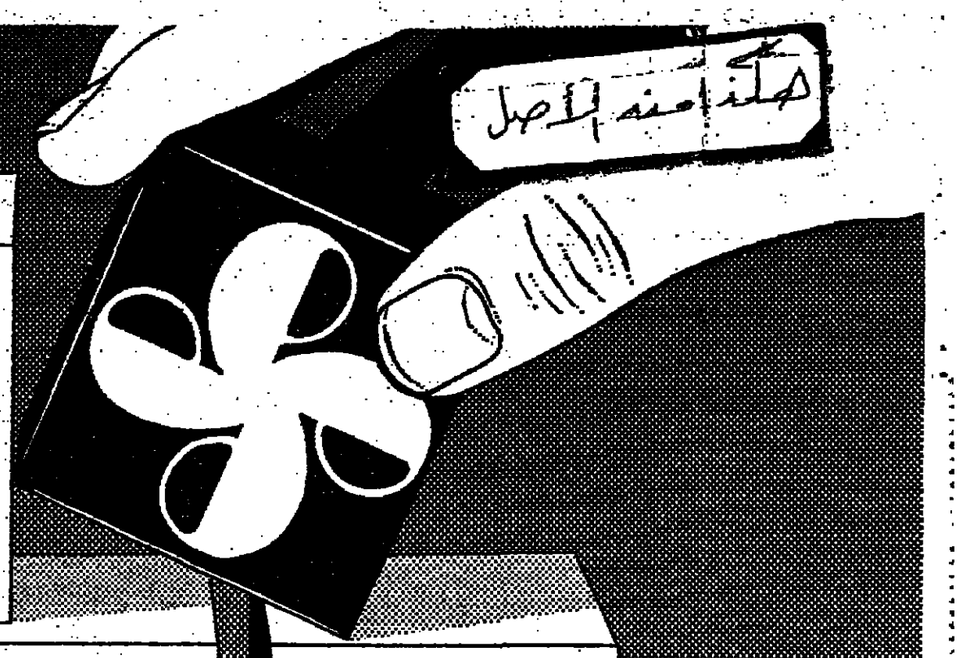
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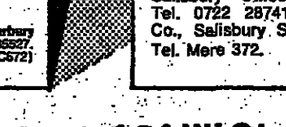
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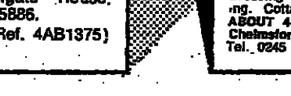
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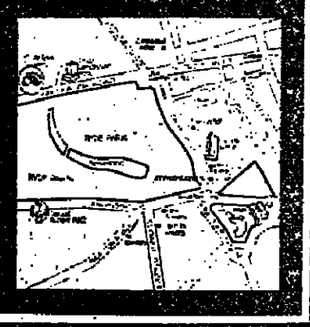
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Mr Callaghan drops hint that next week's Budget proposals will provide a stimulus

House of Commons

Next week's Budget could provide a stimulus as a result of the sacrifices made by the British people over the last two or three years, Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister, said at question time. He said that unemployment was far too high and he hoped to ensure a revival of world trade to get people back to work.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Will the Prime Minister explain why after four years of Labour Government the level of unemployment in this country is worse than in any of our major industrial competitors? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—The last part of her question is not true as she will know if she looks at the figures, but unemployment is far too high in this country, as it is throughout the western industrialized world.

It is my intention with, I hope, the help of others in other countries, to ensure that there is a revival of world trade so that we can get our own people back to work.

As a result of the sacrifices made by the British people over the last two or three years, it could be that next week's Budget will provide a stimulus.

Mrs Thatcher—But does he not know that the figures I gave are true according to the Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Booth)? The level of unemployment in this country is worse than that of any of our main industrial competitors by quite a considerable margin.

Will he explain why his policies have led to that result? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—If I look at the figures I happen to have in front of me, I see that Canada is much much worse. That would be a major competitor.

A Conservative—What about Nicaragua?

Mr Callaghan—I see that Italy is much worse. That would be a ajor competitor. (Conservative interruptions.) I see the major competitors are only those that the Opposition select. (Labour laughter.)

I hope that the Opposition are going to accept that what we are facing is a world recession—(Conservative cries of "Oh")—and that a world recession demands collective international action if it is to be overcome.

It is to that that we shall be bending our efforts together with the stimulus that we can give as a result of the success of the Government's policies on inflation during the last 12 months.

Mrs Thatcher—According to the reply from the Secretary of State for Employment on January 30, on a comparable basis the level of unemployment in Italy was 3.3 per cent. and in Great Britain 7.2 per cent. We are suffering from the same world recession.

His Government is doing worse than other nations with the single exception of Canada which has less than half the population of ours. How does he explain the result?

Mr Callaghan—I can explain as I have on many occasions, but I cannot make her accept it. Generally speaking the country understands that whatever may be said, I will not rehearse the arguments against the Opposition's monetary policies in 1973-74 which are well known but they led to substantial inflation during the following years which the Government are succeeding in overcoming, and from there we can build employment again.

I hope the Opposition will in due course accept that as being the accurate analysis.

Mr Ernest Fernyhough (Jarrow, Lab)—Does he appreciate that when the Leader of the Opposition quotes the unemployment figures of our European competitors she forgets that Germany's unemployment is lower than Britain's because Germany has sent back a million migrant workers?

Will he assure me that notwithstanding what Mrs Thatcher may do if she is given a chance, he will not solve our unemployment problems in that fashion?

Mr Callaghan—It is true that the German unemployment figure which is now over one million has been kept substantially lower than it would otherwise have been because migrant workers were only admitted on a temporary basis, but it is not the policy of any of the major parties in this country to do that, as I understand it, although there are some who do hold that view.

Generally speaking both parties are generally agreed on this issue. I would seek to emphasize that. One thing we must not do is to create uncertainties in people's minds.

Whereas Britain's unemployment has increased twofold since 1973, Germany's unemployment has increased fourfold.

Advisers to help long-term jobless

Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, urged trade unions and employers to help achieve a rapid build-up of the special temporary employment programme which would assist the long-term unemployed.

He said in answer to questions that the number of people in Great Britain unemployed for more than 12 months at January 12 was 333,917. In Northern Ireland the latest information was for December when there were 16,716 unemployed for more than a year. Most of these were in receipt of benefit.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab)—His reply represents a substantial increase in the number of long-term unemployed and something like four out of 10 are now married men with dependent children.

Will Mr Booth arrange for extensive interviews to take place for all long-term unemployed to ensure that as much information as possible to ensure a job benefit is obtained?

Will Mr Booth also arrange a crash programme of training and retraining to ensure the long-term unemployed are given priority in getting work?

Mr Booth—There has been a considerable increase in the number of long-term unemployed, mainly men. About one third are men over 55.

We have appointed a number of special needs advisers who are inquiring into the needs of the long-term unemployed and particularly retraining.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—It would be much better to look at this on a more permanent long-term basis rather than the piecemeal measures we often hear about in relation to creating specific jobs over short periods.

Will Mr Booth hover nearer to Tribune's alternative strategy which will enable us to solve the unemployment problem? Without solving that we are going to be in serious difficulties when we have to go to the people at election time.

Mr Booth—We need both a long-term and a short-term strategy. Long term we need to deal with the underlying economic problems. We need a short-term strategy to deal with the 170,000 people a year who will be coming forward over the next four to five years.

Mr Keith Hampson (Ripon, C)—How many of the long-term unemployed have already had the benefit of Manpower Services Commission or Training Service Agency courses? We have grave doubts about the effectiveness of these schemes.

Mr Booth—I have not a precise figure as to how many are affected by particular MSC schemes. Of the 25,000 places we are providing through the special temporary employment programme we are going to give preference for those over 25 who have been unemployed for 12 months and those between 19 and 25 who have been unemployed for six months or more.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, an Opposition spokesman on employment (Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C)—Will he confirm that these appalling figures are an increase of 150 per cent since the Government took office? Can he deny that numbers of those unemployed for six months or more are even worse proportionately and three times as bad as when his party came to office with the slogan "Back to work with Labour"?

Has he any shame for this pathetic performance and can he give any hope to the over 55s and the young people who will be searching for jobs later this year?

Mr Booth—I cannot confirm those figures. I can confirm that there has been a fall in the total of unemployment in this country over each of the last six months, over five months seasonally adjusted. The increase in the longer-term unemployed owes a great deal to the increased numbers coming forward on to the labour market.

He would do well to reflect on the position in 1972 under a Conservative Government when there were less people in employment than there are now and the country was facing much less difficult economic conditions.

PM thinks Tory MPs ought to apologize to Secretary of State

The Prime Minister told Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C) that he wondered whether Mr Blaker was more concerned with Government proprieties or in pursuing a personal vendetta against Mrs Barbara Castle and Sir Harold Wilson, Mr Blaker who had earlier called for the dismissal of the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr David Ennals), said—As a result of the recent speech by Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn, Lab), the former Secretary of State for Social Services, there is now a conflict of evidence between her, Mr Ennals, the present Secretary of State, and Lady Falkender about the social security files of Mr Norman Scott—(Labour protests and Conservative cheers)—and whether they were destroyed or transferred to 10 Downing Street, and if so, for what purpose. This leaves Mr Ennals in an unsatisfactory position.

How does Mr Callaghan propose that the matter should be cleared up?

Mr James Callaghan—I thought Mr Blaker was rising to apologize to my honourable friends for not following up the fact he had alleged that the Secretary of State had intervened improperly to waive proceedings against a private individual.

I am surprised he has not seen fit to withdraw that—(Labour cheers)—which was repeated by Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) after the denial of Mr Ennals. He owes Mr Ennals an apology, too.

As to the particular circumstances, I have nothing to inquire into further.

With these continuing questions, I am really wondering whether he is more concerned with Government proprieties, or pursuing a personal vendetta against a former Secretary of State and Sir Harold Wilson (Huyton, Lab).

Mr Joseph Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab)—My wife will be delighted that Mr Callaghan is not going to dismiss Mr Ennals as from today, with a lot of other women; she will be getting £2.50 child benefit allowance. She thinks Mr Ennals is doing a marvellous job. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—It is true there is a substantial increase in child allowance payable as from this week. I do not want to disillusion Mr Ashton's wife, but the sum is not £2.50, but £2.30. I hope that will not destroy her confidence in Mr Ennals. (Laughter.)

Sir John Eden (Bournemouth, West, C)—There is another reason to sack Mr Ennals. Does he have any idea how long it takes to see a NHS consultant in urgent cases in the Bournemouth area, it takes sometimes 30 weeks or more. This is a scandalous situation and what is he going to do about it?

Mr Callaghan—The NHS is not as satisfactory as I would like. There are over 500,000 people who are waiting for treatment. That number has persisted, although it is much higher than it was, ever since the formation of the NHS. We should improve this as quickly as we can.

I find it rather odd that the Conservative Party should propose additional expenditure when all they consistently do is to tell us we should reduce it.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab)—Far from dismissing Mr Ennals, Mr Callaghan should ask him to prepare legislation in the light of the debate on March 3, to create conditions where more people can get kidneys for transplant.

Mr Callaghan—I know Mr Dalyell's views, and of his concern, and his Bill on this matter. I am told that Mr Ennals proposes to launch a new campaign tomorrow, which I hope will be taken seriously by the House and others, in order to ensure that transplants of kidneys after death can be made more easy, and to ensure as many people as possible do follow the proposals then made, so other sufferers can take advantage of it.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—I did not make the statement about the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr David Ennals) that he attributed to me.

Mr Callaghan—I hope that Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) who was associated with the dirty tricks brigade on this occasion will make his apology. I know he said it. (Conservative protests.)

Mr Adley—If the Secretary of State for Social Services had made a statement these allegations would not have arisen. (Conservative cheers.) If the Prime Minister will let me have details of his allegations I will deal with them.

Minister outlines new approach to road planning and public inquiries

The Government intend to make five main changes in their policy on road building, Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said in a statement. He hoped that on the basis of the proposals now being put forward there would be a road programme which met the country's needs and commanded a wide measure of support.

Mr Rodgers (Teesside, Stockton, Lab) said—The transport policy White Paper published last June outlined a new approach to the planning and improvement of the national road network. In the spirit of this approach I have now carried out a review of the objectives and methods of the trunk road programme in England and completed the first stage of a reassessment of all the schemes in it. The results are brought together in the White Paper *Policy for Roads: England 1978* which I have today presented to Parliament.

My department, jointly with the Department of the Environment, has also been reviewing the procedures for public inquiries into trunk road schemes. We have been guided by the Council on Tribunals, with whom we have worked closely. The Government's intentions are set out in the White Paper *Report on the Review of Highway Inquiry Procedures* which I have today presented jointly with the Secretary of State for the Environment.

To devise and implement the right policy for roads presents many problems and dilemmas. Within the framework of the national transport policy, we need a road system that will support our major national objectives—the industrial strategy, regional development and the regeneration of inner city areas—as well as relieve the serious local problems caused by traffic.

The inter-urban road system has been transformed over the past 15 to 20 years but many deficiencies remain. The routes to the major ports are not yet complete; there is an urgent need for an orbital route round London; certain of the assisted areas still lack adequate communications; and many by-passes are required.

MPs in all parts of the House continue to urge priority for new roads to serve their constituencies.

Yet people are now less inclined to take for granted the assumptions on which road planning has proceeded in the past, for example about future levels of traffic. They are less willing to accept the lengthy disruption caused by major construction projects. They are alert to the possibly damaging consequences, as they see it, of major new roads for the areas in which they live.

As a result, there has been some dissatisfaction with the way that my department and its predecessors have explained their proposals and apparently made their decisions. Public inquiries have on occasions been disrupted.

I shall not take up the time of the House by detailing all the changes which I propose. But the main elements of the new approach are these:

First, in place of a predetermined strategic network, the approach will be selective. Within the planned level of investment on trunk roads and motorways of about £300m there will be a more rigorous approach to priorities, with emphasis on vital industrial routes, but also increasingly on schemes with high environmental benefits.

Second, there will be more flexibility in applying design standards in the light of greater uncertainty about future traffic levels and the cost and supply of oil. Greater flexibility also reflects my concern that roads should be fitted into the environment in a discriminating way.

Third, in the appraisal of road schemes my department will apply a comprehensive framework for decision, as recommended by the Leitch Committee, whose report was published in January. It will set out the range of factors that need to be taken into account—economic, social and environmental: those that can be quantified and those that cannot. In this way each can be given its full weight, and a balanced judgment can be made.

Fourth, there will be a greater openness at the various stages of planning, from public consultation to the inquiry. In the arrangements for inquiries, my department will secure that realistic alternatives are genuinely explored.

It will make available information covering the range of factors on which road proposals are based and decisions reached so that, as far as possible, there can be equality of information for all those concerned.

Finally, we need to put beyond doubt the impartiality of inspectors who are appointed to conduct trunk roads and motorway inquiries. With the approval of the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and I will, in future, in exercising our statutory obligations, ask the Lord Chancellor to nominate a particular individual considered by him to be suitable for a particular inquiry.

On this basis, I believe that we can have a road programme that meets the country's needs and commands a very wide measure of approval. Where there are conflicts of interest, they can be resolved openly and fairly. *Policy for Roads: England 1978* is the first of a new series of annual policy statement which will enable the House, if it chooses, to discuss the principles underlying the decisions of ministers. I shall also welcome wider public discussion of these important issues.

Dismissals for political views would be wrong

It would not be acceptable if people were to lose their jobs because of their political views, however objectionable those views might be, Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister, said at question time.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) suggested that when the Prime Minister next meets his ministerial colleagues he invited a representative from the TUC to join them and thereafter issue a statement deploring the fact that any trade union should expel a member merely because of his political views, or his membership of a political party regardless of how obnoxious to some people that political party may appear to be.

What the National Union of Railwaymen did over the weekend (Mr Adley said) could have serious complications if the National Union of Journalists were to do the same thing thus resulting in some form of political censorship.

Mr Callaghan—On the substantive question, I have learnt from long experience not to comment at the dispatch box on the actions of particular unions or other bodies until I am in full possession of the facts. Therefore I make no comment on the NUR.

On the general proposition, let me make it clear to Mr Adley and to the House that I would deplore utterly and would not find it at all acceptable that people should be dismissed from their employment because of their political views, however objectionable they may be.

There are some limitations that have to be placed on them in the case of those in Crown service, and may be in the police, but generally speaking this should be the rule. I hope that everybody would accept it.

Frustration and tragedy for those out of work

Last month the number of unemployed people in Britain was 1,398,986, Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, said. But, he added, Britain was coping with unemployment better than her EEC partners.

Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C)—Is not that a disgraceful figure? It means not only tragedy for those people who want to work and cannot but it is highly expensive for everybody else as taxpayers because the social security service cannot possibly pay for so many unemployed people.

When are the Government going to resign and give somebody else the chance to have a go at this terrible problem?

Mr Booth—It does cause a great deal of individual tragedy and frustration and it is a national tragedy and frustration as well.

This country is coping with the problem better than a large number of our EEC partners. Unemployment in the EEC rose by 8.4 per cent between February 1977 and February 1978; in this country it rose by 6.1 per cent.

Some of our measures have fended off some of the individual problems and part of the national tragedy of unemployment.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)—Many of us believe it is time for partial reflation of the economy and we hope the budget will reveal that.

We have listened to the Conservatives resist every measure the Government have put forward to try to put people back to work. They have resisted public spending and have wanted many bigger cuts. They are the party of unemployment; they would make it bigger.

Mr Booth—I agree that the Conservatives have attacked all forms of public spending which is essential to employment as well as to the standard of public services.

I hope we will be listening to the budget next week giving indications of the Government's desire for some economic expansion as well.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—There is overwhelming evidence that the greater the investment in manufacturing industry and the higher the level of output the smaller the labour force. So will he recognize that and turn to public spending to provide the work?

Mr Booth—There is a long-term problem as the result of increasing capital investment in manufacturing industry but in the short run we need so much investment in British industry that the investment itself will create work.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, an Opposition spokesman on unemployment (Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C)—Does not the figure of 8.4 per cent stick in his throat? Is that statistic not as selective as when that same figure was used by the Chancellor in October 1974?

When he boasts of the jobs he has saved, why does he not itemize the jobs lost as a result of the burdens placed on industry by the increased taxation and unnecessary legislation of this Government?

Mr Booth—The 8.4 per cent is an EEC figure, not mine. I am doing my utmost, as I hope all MPs will be, to ensure that Britain's contribution will be towards reducing that figure.

As to taxation and employment, I suggest some of the employment measures have improved industrial relations and have, therefore, been beneficial.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)—Has he any figures on the amount of overtime being worked and how many jobs it is equivalent to? Would they be more or less than the number of unemployed?

Mr Booth—The last departmental estimate, based on a partial count, showed that 16 million hours of overtime were worked in manufacturing industry in a week, and 40 million hours overall.

It is difficult to turn this into job equivalents because in some cases the hours cover essential overtime and in others they could be turned into normal working week arrangements by reorganization in the place where that overtime was worked.

Preserving the rights of elected House

When the committee stage of the Wales Bill was resumed, discussion continued on the first of a group of amendments to Clause 35 (Power of Secretary of State to prevent or require action) designed to ensure that the Government must get approval to use override powers from the House of Lords as well as the House of Commons.

Moving the amendment on the last occasion the committee sat Mr Leon Brittan (Cleveland and Whitby, C), for the Opposition, said that the Bill allowed any government to use its Commons majority to get approval in the House for the use of the power if it could not get a resolution through the Lords, too. This would be objectionable. If the House of Lords had to be consulted, it should not be bypassed because it did not agree.

Sir David Renton (Huntingdonshire, C) said the Government were trying to overcome the constitutional power and to disregard the duty of the Lords. They were doing it in a mean and underhand way. They were intentionally raising the conflict with the Lords which had so far been most wonderfully avoided, whichever party had been in power.

Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C) said the Government were not merely introducing a Bill to alter the constitutional arrangements for Wales but also taking a step which was altering the relationship between the two Houses.

When discussion resumed today,

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said one of the issues raised by the amendment was the treatment of the House of Lords in a situation where the government of the day tried to use their override powers and could not get their resolution through the Lords.

The position seemed to be in such a situation that they could simply come back to the Commons and get the same resolution through, exploiting their Commons majority, and could toss aside any objection the Lords might have.

If that was the situation, had they better not forget about all that worthy constitutional theory about the second chamber being the guardian of the constitution? In a matter where the Lords might be thought to have some right of delaying powers in an essentially constitutional issue, in fact they had no powers.

Mr Thomas Ellis (Wrexham, Lab) said the clause was a creditable attempt to deal with the difficulties of change in society from one of a vertical structure to that of a more horizontal and democratic nature.

Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab) said this was an attempt by the Government to have their devolutionary cake and eat their centralist bread. The consequence was a formula for conflict with no profit to the Welsh people.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L) said that the attacks on the clause were virtually attacks on the Bill. There had been astonishing arguments and gross exaggeration. The British constitution would not work were it not for the constitutional conventions which had evolved. The Government had made a fair effort and he did not think that the clause could be improved.

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cambridgeshire, C), said the clause contained power not only to override the assembly but the House of Lords. The Opposition were seeking to expunge from the clause the Government's plight into unicameralism. It was proposed to override the House of Lords should they come to an inconvenient decision.

It was the beginning of the Labour programme for the demolition of the Lords. He was surprised that the Government should be worried about the powers of the Lords because they were seldom used.

There was the need to give Parliament the right to have a say on the override questions. There was nothing to stop the Secretary of State under the Bill altering or extending the powers of the assembly without any reference to Parliament.

These innocent sounding proposals were sinister and highly significant, especially in relation to the Lords, and ought not to be included in the Bill.

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarkshire, Lab), said that if the Commons approved an override direction made by the Secretary of State and the Lords disagreed with it, the Commons could overturn the Lords' decision.

Removal of that provision from the Bill would be a recipe for conflict. Parliament would be overruled by the unelected other chamber. That appeared to be the position that the Conservative Party would like to see.

The proposal in the Bill was a sensible preservation of the rights of the elected chamber. This was a last ditch attempt by the Conservatives to preserve the powers of the House of Lords. There was an obvious necessity for securing that the proper control of the Secretary of State should rest with the elected House.

The amendment was rejected by 170 votes to 145—Government majority, 25. The clause 35 was carried by 167 votes to 145—Government majority, 22, and Clause 38 (Industrial and economic guidelines) was carried by 161 votes to 145—Government majority, 16.

Clause 39 (National pay policy) was negatived.

Growing concern on maintenance

Mr Norman Fowler, chief Opposition spokesman on transport (Sutton Coldfield, C)—In many areas there is an urgent need for bypasses and relief roads which will keep traffic away from residential areas. Do the Government intend to give priority to these?

Does the minister share the view of some local authorities that the road maintenance position is deteriorating to a potentially dangerous level? It is important that existing roads do not fall into disrepair.

Now that the inquiry procedure is being improved, and we welcome that, there can be no justification for the disruption of public inquiries. Will he make it clear that the department will not be influenced in any way by such strongarm tactics in future?

Mr Rodgers—In the White Paper is a clear indication that we shall be giving priority to relief roads and bypasses. I agree there is a great demand for these.

As for road maintenance, I am aware there is a view in some parts that irrespective of the severe weather we have experienced, there has been some deterioration. I have been trying to find a means of evaluating the alternative schemes and finding a basis on which decisions can be made. If I were satisfied that lack of maintenance had gone too far I would be prepared to consider switching expenditure.

There is no case for the disruption of highway inquiries. I hope all those who are not against building any roads at any time on principle, and who believe that roads should be carefully fitted into the environment, will feel that the procedure we propose will provide adequate opportunities for them to be heard.

My department will resist any suggestion that disruptive behaviour at inquiries will determine the final outcome. (Cheers.)

Sir David Renton (Huntingdonshire, C)—While I accept the need for more roads, there has been a tendency up to now to disregard the need to conserve farmland. Will the minister give some idea of the number of acres of farmland which will go out of production as a result of the White Paper and what steps will be taken to conserve farmland as far as possible?

Mr Rodgers—I cannot give a figure for the number of acres of farmland which might go out of production as a result of the White Paper. There will be fewer than under the former programme.

Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—There has been some waste of public expenditure by the quality of by passes built and planned by the last Conservative Government, particularly in the West Country.

Will the minister assure us that the bp pass now to be built at Okehampton will not be to the same excessive standard as those built in other parts of the West Country.

Mr Rodgers—I entirely agree that for reasons MPs will understand, a lot of road building was excessively ambitious at the time, but far from urging me to downgrade standards of roads, some will urge the opposite.

Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey, Lab)—Can he confirm that the fact that the Lord Chancellor is to be consulted does not necessarily mean that a barrister or solicitor will be appointed to take inquiries and that the object is to secure the independence of the person appointed and not his professional qualifications?

Mr Rodgers—Yes, I can confirm that the fact the Lord Chancellor is to choose people is to remove suggestions of non-impartiality.

In a further reply, he said that new procedures would apply as soon as possible, but where roads had already been approved by ministers and gone out to tender they would proceed. A proportion of schemes in some stages would be subject to review.

Mr Hugh Rossi (Haringey, Hornsey, C)—Notwithstanding the abandonment of the Archway Road improvement scheme inquiry in the face of what Mr Rodgers termed organized disruption, does the fact that the scheme appears in the White Paper to start in 1981-83 mean that the minister still regards the improvement as of importance within the programme? If so, what does he intend to do to reopen the matter under these new procedures?

Mr Rodgers—I am deeply concerned about the problems which remain in the Archway Road. My decision to abandon the current inquiry was made on grounds other than those of environment. I am proceeding with consultations because people living on this route deserve relief.

Mr Sydney Irving (Dartford, Lab)—One of the most serious deficiencies perhaps in the whole road system is the failure to provide an adequate route out of London to the south-east, Kent, and the Continent. As this is due in part to consultation procedures, does Mr Rodgers anticipate that his new procedures will expedite the project?

Mr Rodgers—Mr Irving puts his finger the problem which the White Paper acknowledges, that the more people want to be consulted, the longer procedures are likely to be. I have been concerned, in making consultation more effective, that we do not make the whole process much too long. But I cannot give an undertaking in the terms he suggests, for that reason. However, in so far as it is within my control, I shall try to expedite the roads he mentions.

Weighing pros and cons of neutron bomb

The Prime Minister, questioned about the neutron bomb, said he had had talks with President Carter last week on disarmament and asked not to be pressed today on the matter.

Mr Thomas Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab) asked Mr Callaghan to confirm or deny a report on Independent Television News last night to the effect that it was Government policy now to deploy the neutron bomb on British territory.

Mr James Callaghan—I do not accept responsibility for what appears on ITV or BBC or in any of the newspapers, and I am tempted to add—thank Heaven.

On the neutron bomb, this is a question of weighing the substantial political disadvantages against whatever military advantages may be presumed to exist.

Cigarette advertising

Mr Ian Grist (Cardiff, North, C) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services to keep an open mind on the question of a total ban on cigarette advertising and from what sources he expected further evidence to become available to help the Government reach a decision.

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State, in a written reply, said—We are examining existing evidence and considering what further evidence is likely to become available during the currency of the present voluntary agreement and its likely usefulness; and whether any fresh investigation is called for. In forming our views on this matter we shall take due note of any evaluation of restrictions placed on cigarette advertising in other countries.

Compelling councils to sell land

Mr Anthony Steen (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) was given leave to bring in a Bill making it compulsory for local authorities, nationalized industries, other public bodies and statutory undertakings to dispose of vacant land in their ownership in certain circumstances.

He said the aim of the Bill was to compel those local authorities guilty of hoarding land either genuinely to develop vacant land in their possession within a limited period or to put it on the open market by way of public auction so that others could develop it.

There were 250,000 acres of prime land, mostly in city centres, lying dormant. There were over 16,000 acres of derelict or vacant land in London, 2,000 in Liverpool and 1,100 in Birmingham.

This created an artificial demand for what land was left in the inner cities: it sent land prices soaring and rents with them.

Opposition criticize change in port health controls

As reported in later editions of *The Times* yesterday,

Dr Gerard Vaughan, an Opposition spokesman on health and social services (Reading, South, C) moved the annulment of the Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) Regulations and the Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations which relate to people and animals entering Britain from ships and aircraft. He said the orders would relax controls at ports at a time of increases in tuberculosis and malaria and the danger of rabies and lassa fever getting into the country.

Not only should the present standards of care and supervision be continued at ports but they should be increased. What the Government were proposing was irresponsible and incomprehensible.

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health and Social Security (Lewisham, East, Lab) said the regulations reflected the provisions of existing international health regulations and provided a balance between the maximum security against the international spread of diseases and the minimum degree of interference with world traffic at the same time.

As from April 1, 1978, officers would no longer be always available to carry out routine inspections of ships. The simplified procedure was something the Government had had in mind for a considerable time.

The present position was that in almost all cases port health control rested with the master of a ship who gave notice and all that the amendment regulations did was to dispense with the routine completion of a nil declaration where the master of a ship had nothing to report. That was the major change between the new system and the old system.

The principle of the regulations was generally welcomed as removing unnecessary work for ships and port health authorities.

The motion was negatived.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Wales Bill.

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on consumer representation in the nationalized industries and report of National Consumer Council.

Peers want Scottish Assembly elected by PR system

House of Lords

Edinburgh already had an organization called "the assembly", the Earl of Selkirk (C) said when the Scotland Bill began its committee stage. To use the same name for two places less than a mile apart, he added, would cause great confusion and confusion lent itself to friction.

Moving an amendment to substitute "convention" for "assembly" in Clause 1, he said the body which already existed was the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It was important that the relationship between the two bodies should be harmonious. They would need to be closely watched. Lord Ballantrae said he shared the hope that they could get rid of the word "assembly". It was confusing. The General Assembly had been an institution for so long that "the assembly" *tout court* meant in Scotland the General Assembly.

Lord Mackie of Benshie (L) said that to change the name of the new body to "the convention" would not help the Bill which he wanted to see go through.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland stood on its own feet. Nothing the House did with a political assembly could harm it or confuse it in the minds of the people of Scotland.

Lord Shinwell (Lab) said it was not the name that mattered but what powers the body was to have. However, to call it a parliament would cause resentment not only among the English and Welsh but among some Scots, too, because it would mean the body must be vested with full authority.

Lord Harmar-Nicholls (C) said the name should be not assembly or convention but moot. The dictionary described this as "an assembly of people". Then there would not be any clash over the word convention.

Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) meant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It would only muddle many Scottish people. She would be happy with convention or would ask the Government to think again.

Viscount Thurso (L) said that as an elder of the Church of Scotland he would have no difficulty in telling the difference between the General Assembly of the church and a Scottish Assembly.

It is not (he said) in any way an insult to the kirk and it is a word which people understand and has a modern meaning. Convention has an archaic ring.

To talk of estates and moors was to go from the sublime to the ridiculous.

The Earl of Onslow said it was relatively unimportant what the body was called. The Bill itself was a bad one.

Lord Campbell of Croy (C) said that to have two assemblies would bring ambiguity and the danger of mistaken identity. The Government should seriously consider, among others, the term congress. There could be no confusion with that.

Lord Balerno (C) said convention was probably the most respectable name. It was an ancient Scottish name.

Lord McCluskey, Solicitor General for Scotland, said the name assembly derived from one of the most distinguished Scots of his generation, Lord Kilbrandon. It was considered by ministers, a number of whom were Scottish, and the decision was taken that it was the most suitable name to describe the concept of a legislative and deliberative body.

Nobody in the Commons ought to substitute the word convention and no one suggested there would be confusion with the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. This was known as the General Assembly and there was no possibility of confusion between it and the body provided for in the Bill.

The strongest argument was that the people of Scotland, whether for or against devolution and whether they wanted an assembly or not, would think the House had gone mad if after years of public debate about an assembly and almost as many years of prolonged parliamentary debate the word central to the whole debate were to be abandoned for reasons which would be seen to be flimsy and unconvincing.

Earl Ferrers, for the Opposition, said that if the Government were to have a closed mind it boded ill from the start. If this was something the Government were going to be inflexible about. Heaven help the House when it came to some of the Bill's more detailed provisions.

Lord McCluskey said there was no argument he had heard today that had not already been considered by ministers. However, if the Earl of Selkirk would withdraw the amendment he would draw the arguments freshly to the attention of ministers so that when he next came to the House in relation to this matter it might be clear what the Government's view was in the light of all the representations and the feeling of the House.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Proportional Representation: The new assembly should be based on a consensus of a majority of electors. Lord Kilbrandon said when moving an amendment to provide that the members of the Scottish Assembly should be elected by a system of proportional voting. He said there was no question here of the thin end of the wedge. If the House was satisfied that the situation in Scotland called for proportional representation that would provide no analogy for its introduction elsewhere.

Given the state of the parties in Scotland, entirely different from that of parties in the United Kingdom, and the state of emotional unrest almost certainly found at any juncture of constitutional change there was a special case for ensuring that whatever might be the composition of the new assembly it was based, so far as that could be provided for, upon a consensus of a majority of the electors.

Lord Drumalbyn (C) said one of the longstanding objections in Scotland to establishing a subordinate parliament in Edinburgh had been that one party would probably enjoy a permanent majority, even though the majority might not always or perhaps ever be based on a majority of votes cast. Few people would now deny that that party might be not the Labour Party but the Scottish National Party.

In the second reading debate in the Lords there was not one speaker in favour of complete independence for Scotland, yet the SNP might again and again win a majority on the first-past-the-post system, edging further and further towards separation and/or one party government. The first-past-the-post system would involve a foreseeable and totally unnecessary risk.

After further debate the amendment was carried by 155 votes to 64. Majority against the Government, 91.

Progress of Bill

The State Immunity Bill was read the third time and passed.

Work experience for young people

The purpose of paying young unemployed people £19.50 a week tax free if an employer took them on under the youth opportunities programme was not to provide employers with cheap labour but to give young people experience of work to prepare them for normal full-time employment, Mr Harold Walker, Minister of State for Employment, said.

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C) asked what was the basis for the calculation of £19.50 to be paid weekly free of tax to those taking advantage of the scheme.

Mr Walker (Doncaster, Lab)—I am informed by the Manpower Services Commission that the weekly allowance of £19.50 paid to those taking advantage of the youth opportunities programme was calculated after careful consideration of current levels of supplementary and unemployment benefit, of allowances payable under existing schemes and of normal remuneration levels for young people in employment.

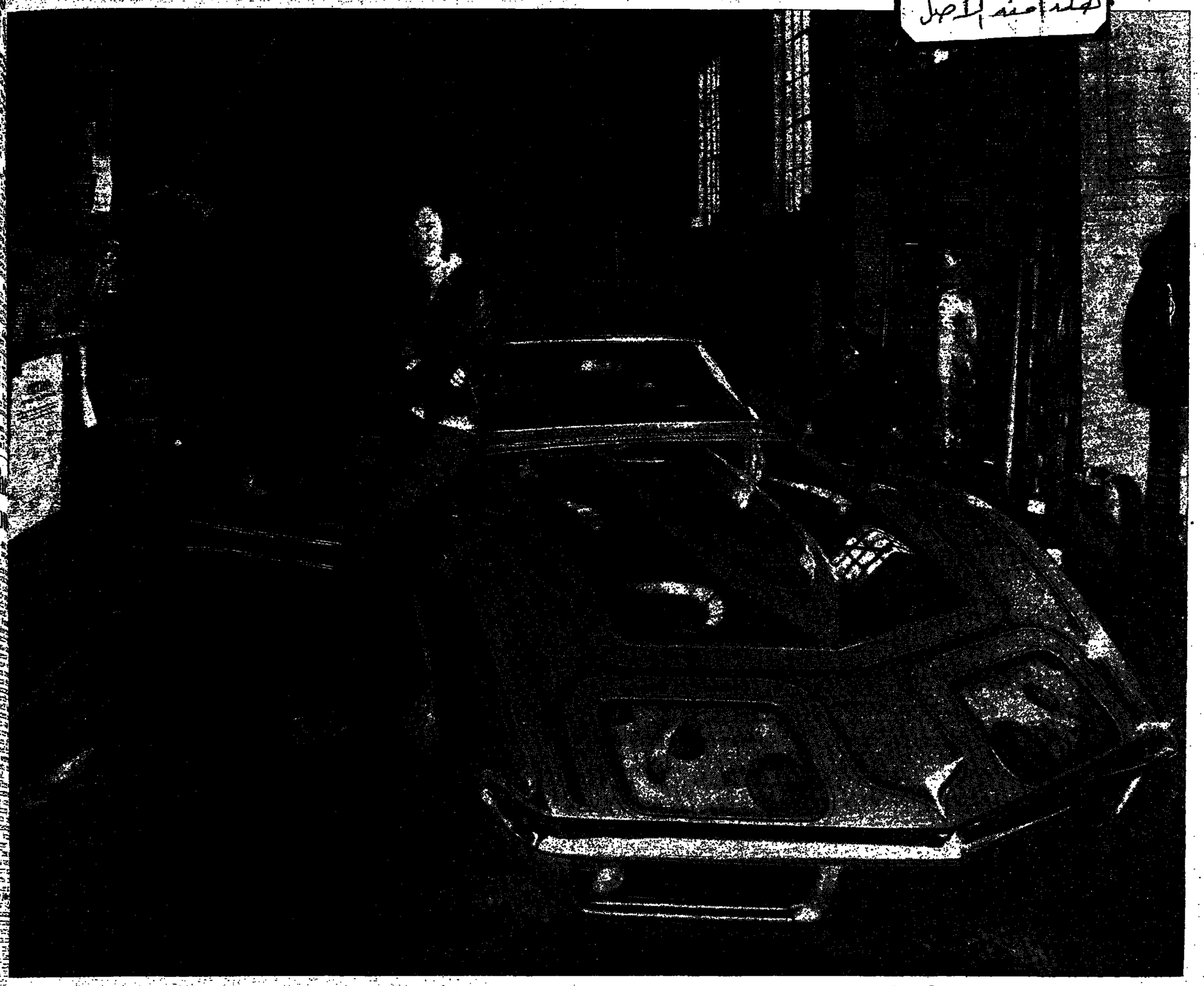
Mr Miller—Is a tax-free benefit the best introduction to the working life of young people? Does he not understand the feeling of outrage of pensioners on £17.90 who earned and contributed to their pension?

Mr Walker—I am astonished that he should criticize the allowance as being too high. There is a need for a proper balance to ensure the allowance is high enough to provide an incentive to those young people drawing benefits but not so high as to be a disincentive for young people to take up normal employment or resume full-time further education.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab)—While welcoming the measures which will provide a positive step in fighting unemployment among young people, would he coordinate his attitudes with the Department of Education to make sure there are available grants of money to ensure that people get adequate training at the same time?

Mr Walker—In the development and application of these measures we are working in close liaison with the Manpower Services Commission and the Department of Education.

The youth opportunities programme is primarily one of work preparation and experience so that young people get experience of work and an understanding of working to help them into full-time employment.



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Football

Injuries and club calls deplete England

Rome, April 4.—Italy and England meet on a football field for the fourth time in 18 months when their Under-21 teams play here tomorrow in the return leg of the European Championship quarter-final round. Trailing 2—1 from last month's first match in Manchester, Italy need only a 1—0 victory to emulate their senior pool, who squeezed England out of the World Cup, and go through to the last four.

Kevin Reeves of Norwich City is the only new cap in the England team. Manchester City's goalkeeper, Corrigan, who missed training at Bisham Abbey on Sunday because of a bruised thigh received in the match against Ipswich Town the previous day, has been passed fit. He, with the captain Peach of Southampton, will be the two overage players in a team badly weakened by injuries and club calls.

Two newcomers at this level are among the five substitutes, Money, Fulham's £50,000 bargain buy from Scunthorpe United earlier this season and Jones of Tottenham Hotspur. England's manager David Sexton admitted on arrival that he races a tough task here without four of the team who played in Manchester, including Nottingham Forest's Woodcock, scorer of both goals.

"For us, it's a very difficult game and we must try to attack," he said. "We cannot rely on the slight advantage from the first leg. Ninety minutes is a long time." Italian coaches, who watched their opponents in training yesterday and today, were impressed. "They play the ball excellently and run like devils," one commented.

The home side know they will have to keep a particularly close eye on the two English strikers: Barnes, who made an impressive firs tappearance as a full international against Italy last year, and the lesser-known Reeves.

Several of the Italians have extra reasons for wanting to shine tomorrow as they play for places at the World Cup finals. Enzo Bearzot is due to name his preliminary Italian pool of 40 players in two weeks.

Three players who form the backbone of the Under-21 side are full internationals with their passage to Argentina already booked.

They are Sala, Manfredonia and Rossi, leading goalscorer in the Italian first division and a tricky striker who gave England's defence a great deal of trouble in the first leg in Manchester. Another man for Mr Sexton to worry about is the 20-year-old Juventus midfield player, Cabrini, revelation of this year's Italian League season.

The Italian manager, Azeglio Vicini, is banking on a good crowd to give vocal support to his side by including in it four players from the Rome clubs Lazio and Roma. Two of them, Manfredonia and Giodano, are returning to the team after missing the Manchester match. The winners here will play the victors of the Hungary-Yugoslavia quarter-final, also being decided tomorrow. Hungary won the first lef 1—0.

ITALY (from): Galli, Collovati, Cabrini, Sala, Cantoni, Manfredonia, Rossi, Agostinelli, Giordano, Di Bartolomei, Bagni.

ENGLAND: Corrigan (Manchester City); P. Daniel (Hull), D. Peach (Southampton), P. Reid (Bolton Wanderers), S. Sims (Leicester), P. Butcher (Luton), K. Reeves (Norwich City), S. Williams (Southampton), G. Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), G. Owen (Manchester City); P. Barnes (Manchester City); Subs: P. Bradshaw (Wolves), Hampton (Wanderers), K. Sansom (Crystal Palace), R. Money (Fulham), K. Bertschin (Birmingham), C. C. Jones (Tottenham Hotspur).



Reeves: England's newcomer to representative football

UEFA want stronger penalties for misconduct

Berne, Switzerland, April 4.—The European Union of Football Associations (Uefa) have suggested that their world body companion is too lenient in punishments meted out to national football federations for crowd misconduct during European and world competitions. Hinting that penalties imposed by the International Federation of Football Associations (Fifa) should be strengthened, Dr Artemio Franchi, the Italian president of Euefa, called for a swift solution "to the problem of who should exercise control—and how".

One of these solutions, Dr Franchi suggested, would be that UEFA take control of all FIFA World Cup qualifying matches in Europe. Writing in the latest official UEFA bulletin, Dr Franchi referred to two matches played in Europe last November, one a UEFA-organized Under-21 match between Spain and Yugoslavia with Spain as hosts, and the other a same-day FIFA World Cup game between the two countries in Belgrade. While disturbances at the junior match in Spain led to a UEFA fine of 20,000 Swiss francs on the Spanish National Football Association, FIFA closed the Belgrade ground for three months but fined the Yugoslavian FA only 3,000 francs after similar crowd trouble.

Calling for all misdemeanours to be punished "according to the same standards", Dr Franchi urged the Zurich-based FIFA to adapt its own system (of control) to the well-tried procedure applied by the UEFA control and disciplinary authorities. The FIFA press officer, Rene Courte, of Luxembourg, said he could not reply until he had read the remarks himself. He said, however, that FIFA was very eager to maintain its authority in World Cup matches but added: "FIFA and UEFA statutes do differ strongly over the scale of disciplinary action permitted."

Barcelona will be without their Dutch international player Johan Neeskens for the return UEFA Cup hem-ifinal match against PSV Eindhoven in Spain on April 12, the European Union of Football Associations announced today.

Neeskens is one of four players suspended for one UEFA club competition march after receiving two cautions during the current 1977-78 season.

Monday's results

FOURTH DIVISION: Southend 4, Doncaster 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final round, first leg: Crystal Palace 1, West Bromwich Albion 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hillingdon 0, Gravesend 0; Redditch 1, Bedford 2; Telford 0, AP Leamington 3. First division, north: Kidderminster 3, Barry Town 0; Stourbridge 0, Bromsgrove 1. First division, south: Salisbury 0, Margate 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Great Harwood 0, Altrincham 2; Mossley 4, Lancaster 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagenham 3, Barking 3; Southall and EB 0, Bishop's Stortford 2. First division: Harrow Borough 0, Ware 1.

RUGBY UNION: Bridgend 14, South Wales Police 0. Four matches: High Wycombe 50, Buffalo Valley, US 0; Maidstone CS 20, Chiltwyack, British Columbia 4. All-England under-16 seven-a-side final: King's, Macclesfield 6, Redruth 4.

Squash rackets

The same old Hashim—a winner by nature and a gentleman, too

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Hashim Khan beat Norman Dixey, of Dover, by 9—2, 9—6, 9—3 yesterday in the "vintage" tournament (restricted to players over 55) played in conjunction with the British open squash rackets championship, sponsored by Avis, at Wembley. A bewhiskered former Metropolitan Police office thus played the role of foil in a match of some historic significance. Hashim, seven times open champion from 1951 to 1958, was playing his first match in Britain since he twisted a knee while playing his brother Azam in March 1959.

Hashim has since receded to the less strenuous and more rewarding pleasures of the North American game, which inevitably left him ill-prepared for this sudden return to the different playing condition that exist in the more widespread international version of squash. Even so, the rich colours that dazzled us 20 years ago were, if faded, still evident. To change the metaphor, the engine has run down but still purrs smoothly.

Nor have we yet seen all that Hashim can do at the age of 62. Yesterday he mostly played what men of his calling sometimes describe as "a customer's game". He intended to win and to do so with style and dignity. But at the same time he had no wish to cause undue physical or mental anguish to an opponent who did not take up the game until the age of 45 and is only two years younger than the greatest of all squash players. Hashim was always like that: a winner by nature, but a gentleman, too.

The old glory was chiefly apparent in Hashim's readiness to indulge his volleying touch. His nicked drops, played with such facility that he might have been dismissing an irritating fly, were a joy to watch. He used all the angles. He hit a few violent forehand kills, mostly straight but occasionally interred in the crosscourt nick. When merely sparring, he sometimes made the ball cling to the wall as if some form of magnetism was at work.

There was a chance that Azam, four times world champion before he retired from competition in 1962 (and still a player of the highest class), might also have been in action at Wembley this week during one of the championships' "rest" days. Azam agreed to play Hashim in an exhibition match on Friday, in an effort to raise part of the cost of Hashim's trip from Denver to London. In view of the cause and their former stature, both men were puzzled and somewhat irked when the attempt to arrange this exhibition at short notice (eight days) ran into insurmountable difficulties. The chosen site was already heavily committed to the multifarious chores of organizing the Wembley centre and the championship to the satisfaction of the diverse interests involved. It is a pity that the exhibition could not have been planned sooner or promoted elsewhere.

In the main event the first players to reach the semi-final round were those long-standing rivals, Mohibullah Khan and Qamar Zaman. Both beat players who had advanced to the last eight in defiance of the seedings. Mohibullah beat Bruce Brownlee by 9—1, 9—5, 2—9, 9—7 in 93 minutes. The nature and duration of the match reflected great credit on Brownlee, who is a year older than Mohibullah but considerably less experienced at this level of competition. Brownlee was assiduous in his retrieving and used the drop and angle to vary the pattern of his game. But everything he did was rather too predictable against a player of Mohibullah's class. Brownlee had the utmost difficulty in putting the ball away. By contrast, Mohibullah had a greater range of pace and more winning shots. But from two games and 0—2 down Brownlee won 14 consecutive points to lead 5—0 in the fourth game. He is obviously a player to watch in the future.

Zaman beat Torsam Khan by 9—10, 9—4, 9—1, 9—4. Torsam had been playing well and yesterday he had the satisfaction of winning a first game in which he played too well for Zaman. Each in turn had a game ball before Torsam's turn came round again and he played a winning backhand drop into the crosscourt nick. That shot and the fleeting promise it offered him were no more than he deserved. But for the rest of the match he had to do his best to cope with Zaman in his most impishly punishing form.



Mohibullah Khan . . . a winner at Wembley yesterday.

Cricket

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C. Davis 101, R. Willis
Shivnarine 63, D. Parry 51.
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Simpson 67, R. Bison 54,
50; N. Phillip 3 for 70).

Second innings:
R. Darling, c Williams, b
G. Wood, not out
D. Ogilvie, l-b-w, Clarke
*R. Simpson, c Murray, b
G. Serjeant, not out
Extras (b 2, n-b 4)
Total (3 wkts)
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—
3—52.
BOWLING: Clarke, R.
Phillip, 7—1—27—0; Reid
35—0; Parry, 5—1—5—
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Record crowds are great tribute to Pelé

New York, April 4.—There were record opening-day crowds on the North American Soccer League's first wekend of the 1978 schedule. This augurs well for what has become known as "the year after Pelé255.

Pelé's retirement last autumn after he had played two and a half years for New York Cosmos in the NASL is expected to provide a true test of the league's ability to attract big crowds without him.

A total of 205,557 supporters attended the 10 games. The average of 20,557 was nearly 100 per cent above the first weekend averaged of 10,750 in 1977. It was also the first time the weekend average had been over 20,000 in NASL history. Cosmos, playing at home, drew a league record opening-day crowd of 44,442 to Giants Stadium in New Jersey to watch them beat Fort Lauderdale Strikers 7—0. "It's a great tribute to Pelé and what he has done for soccer in North America", Phil Woosnam said. Woorsnam, formerly of Wales and West HMam, is the NASL commissioner.

Hunt, formerly of Aston Villa, and Italy's Chinaglia each scored three goals for Cosmos.

Hunt, who was leading scorer for Cosmos last season, also helped set u ptwo goals.

Hunt's wife was homesick here last summer but the Cosmos coach, Eddit Firmani, persuaded them to come back. The club found them a house but how long Hunt will stay is unsure. "I'm signing with Coventry on September 1, with the option to come hac khere once I've made a decision on whether I want to play", Hunt said.

Bogicevic, a newcomer from Yugoslavia, scored tht other goal for Cosmos whose Turiksh goalkeeper Yashi had litle to do. Anderson, who played in Belgium for Antwerp last season after a long career with Luton Town, scored three goals for San Ditgo Sockers, who beat Vancouver Whitecaps 4—1.

In other games California Surf beat Portland Pimbers 1—0, Dallis Tornado beat Chicago Sting 2—0, Seattle Sounders beat Colorado Caribous 3—0, Washington Diplomats beat Philadlphia Fury 3—0, Oakland Stompers beat San o)se Earthquakes 1—0, Tampa Bay Rowdies beat Memphis Rogues 2—1, Detroit Express beat Tulsa Roughnecks 2—1 and Houston Hurricane beat Los Angeles Aztecs 3—2. There are no draws in NASL matches. Where scores are level after 90 minutes the match is decided on penaltp kicks.—Reuter.

Rugby Union

French is to miss tour of Romania

Nigel French, the Wasps centre, has informed the selectors that he is unavailable for the England "B" side to visit Romania next month. French has resumed light training after a knee ligament operation in January but feels he cannot reach peak fitness in time for the close season tour.

The hard tackling French was a strong candidate for a full England cap this year, especially after he had partnered Paul Dodge against the United States in the autumn. But when he was not selected for England's final trial he decided to go ahead with the operation.

Peter Warfield, the former England centre, will have to split himself in two if he is to fulfil his playing commitments on Saturday. Warfield was named on Monday to play for the Scottish President's XV against London Scottish as part of the exiles' centenary celebrations. But he has also been chosen by his club, Rosslyn Park, to face Harlequins at Roehampton and the Park expect him to turn out for them.

For their last home game of the season, the Park have named six three-quarters and two full backs. There is doubt about Charles Kent, a centre, who has a damaged finger, and Charles Ralston, a full back, may not be available.

Harlequins have made three changes from the side which lost to Gloucester in the John Player Cup semi-final round. Graham Gilbert, who has played stand-off and centre, comes in on the wing for Colin Larbert, who injured his neck playing in a sevens tournament on Sunday. In the pack, David Barry replaces Paul Hollis at hooker, and Christopher Kelly returns to the second row in place of the retired Peter Whiting.

Richmond, co-tenants of the Athletic Ground with the Scottish, will kick off at 12.30 against Bath, to enable the centenary game to be played later in the afternoon. They are seeking their sixth successive victory and have made one change. David Whibley is not available, so the captain, Roger Shackleton, switches to full back, with Richard Mayle coming into the centre.



French without tears: now his future looks gloomier.

Scottish have already celebrated their season by finishing top of the London merit table. They clinched top place by beating Saracens last week, with Alistair McHarg scoring a try. McHarg had not played since breaking bones in his hand in the international against Wales in February and he takes his place in an unchanged side on Saturday.

London Irish continue to be hit by injuries. Against Cheltenham at Sunbury on Saturday, they will be without Alistair McKibbin and Hugh Condon, both suffering from hamstring trouble, their captain, Ken Kennedy, who is still nursing a shoulder injury, and a lock, Michael Smyth, who suffered a leg injury against Moseley.

Duncan Leopold, the full back, takes over the captaincy, with Guy Berringer coming in as hooker. Pat McCracken replaces Smyth, Pat Partrey moves to stand-off, and John Bates fills in at centre.

Wasps are unchanged for tonight's game against London Welsh at the Old Deer Park. Their cptain, Tony Richards, who missed the victory over Bedford because of ligament trouble, has had his ankle put in plaster and will not play again this season.

Eagles captain dies

Craig Sweeney, who captained the United States rugby team on their first tour to England last September, has died of a heart attack in California. Sweeney, aged 32, collapsed after a training period with his club Santa Monica.

Everton look to Latchford for goals against Liverpool

Everton have failed to score in their last four home games against Liverpool and they will be looking to Bob Latchford for goals against their Merseyside neighbours tonight to keep the pressure on Nottingham Forest, the league leaders.

The Everton manager, Gordon Lee, is probably one of the few people in the country not to have conceded the title to Forest, and he will give late fitness tests to King and Lyons in hopes of fielding a full strength team. Terry Darracott looks certain to play after recovering from an ankle injury. Liverpool field the team which beat Aston Villa 3—0 on Saturday, although David Fairclough replaces Ian Callaghan as substitute.

Forest will again be without their captain, John McGovern, at Villa Park; he is still resting a groin strain. Brian Clough has 14 of his first team pool on stand by. Needham and Lloyd are contenders for the No 5 shirt. Colin Barrett is fit again and could be recalled to the defence having played in Monday's testimonial match at Derby.

Aston Villa's midfield player, Dennis Mortimer, faces a late fitness test. He has a groin strain and, if he is passed fit, Villa are likely to field an unchanged side—despite their 3—0 home defeat by Liverpool. Mortimer has appeared in every Villa game this season and he recently won an England B cap against West Germany.

Norman Hunter and Gerry Sweeney, of Bristol City, are among 19 players being dealt with by a Football Association disciplinary commission in London today for reaching 20 penalty points. They will attend to make personal pleas for leniency. The commission can impose three-match suspensions.

Others on 20 points are Damien Richardson (Gillingham Town), Stanley McEwan (Blackpool), Michael Henderson (Sunderland), James Thompson (Burnley), Tony Kenworthy (Sheffield United), Glyn Thomas (Leeds United), Dave Holt (Oldham Athletic), Christopher Guthrie (Swindon Town), and Bernard Bridges (Scunthorpe United).

Brazil face summit as MP urges manager's dismissal

Hamburg, April 4.—West Germany's manager, Helmut Schön, will lead his team out for the last time on home territory when the world champions meet Brazil, former triple champions, here tomorrow night. Mr Schön, aged 62, is retiring after the World Cup finals in Argentina in June after a remarkable 14 years in charge of West Germany. The champions have only one more warm-up match before they travel to South America. It is against Sweden in Stockholm on April 29.

Tomorrow's encounter should provide a fitting farewell for Mr Schön, and perhaps also for West Germany's captain, Berti Vogts, who may be making his last international appearance before home supporters. Vogts, aged 31, is expected to end his playing career next year. The game at the 61,400capacity Volksparkstadion should also provide a good guide to the two sides' chances in the June finals.

Many commentators see the clash between Brazil's technical wizardry and West Germany's more clinical skills as a preview of the World Cup final. Both sides are among the cup favourites. West Germany are trying to equal Brazil's feat of winning three world titles.

Brazil slumped to a 1—0 defeat by France in Paris last Saturday at the start of a six-match European tour—ther first reverse since Poland beat them in the third-place playoff in the 1974 World Cup, and West Germany, although unimpressive in recently beating England and the Soviet Union, are unbeaten in their last 12 matches. Their last home defeat was also in the 1974 World Cup finals, when they lost to East Germany in Hamburg.

WEST GERMANY: Vaiar; Kaltz, Vogts, Ruciemann, Dietz, Bonhof, Flohe, Beer, Abramczik, Fischer, Rummenigge.

BRAZIL (probable): Leao; Amaral, Ze Maria, Oscar, Edinho, Cerezo, Rivelino, Dirceau, Gil, Reinaldo, Zico.

Brazil, April 4.—The resignation of Mr Coutinho, Brazil's manager, was demanded by Onisio Ludovici, a member of the Government majority, in the Brazilian Parliament yesterday after Brazil's 1—0 defeat by France. Mr Ludovici said that Mr Coutinho should be replaced by Rubens Minelli, coach of Brazil's club champions, Sao Paulo.

Tennis

New look induces US to enter Pernod Trophy

A new format, two new sites, and an extra £5,000 in prize money will mark this year's indoor tennis circuit for the Pernod Trophy. George Hendon, director of this under-21 tournament, said that the series had been cut from three to two legs and would be played in successive weeks at Nottingham and Stevenage from September 25 to October 7.

ROTTERDAM: WCT tournament: First round: R. Stockton beat W. Scanlon, 6—3, 6—1; V. Amritraj beat T. Okker, 6—2, 6—3; M. Fishcer beat T. Moor, 7—5, 7—6; J. lord beat F. McNair, 6—3, 6—4; S. Johansson beat O. Bengtsson, 6—7, 7—5, 7—6.

SACRAMENTO (California): Miss M. Navratilova beat Mrs L. W. King, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1.

Ice hockey

WORLD ASSOCIATION: New England Whalers 8, Houston Aeros 5.

Boxing

Ali and Spinks in line for rematch in New Orleans

New Orleans, April 4.—The president of Top Rank was expected to sign a contract here today for a rematch between Muhammad Ali and the heavyweight champion, Leon Spinks, in the Louisiana Superdome in October.

"We have had meetings with the Top Rank people and the president is coming in to sign the contract that we've already looked at," Philip Ciaccio, a member of the city council, said. "Now, whatever financial commitments they have required of us we have made. A plane can crash; we can have an argument over something but as far as I'm concerned the fight will be put on in the Superdome and that it will be in the first week of October."

Officials said New Orleans would have to guarantee 5,000 hotel rooms for the contest. Jake Dimaggio said he obtained rights to promote the fight from Top Rank and that he was told to book the fight for either October 3 or 4.

In Las Vegas, the South African heavyweight, Kallie Knoetze, who was scheduled to fight Joe Frazier on April 29, received bad news on his arrival yesterday. The contest has been postponed until May 14.

"Apparently Frazier came down with a case of the Russian flu," the matchmaker, Mel Greb, said, "and his doctor in Philadelphia recommended the postponement. But the fight will take place May 14."

Frazier, a former champion, will be having his first contest since he was knocked out by George Foreman in June, 1976, in New York.—UPI.

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Giles brings in six new caps against Turkey

John Giles, the republic of Ireland manager, has been forced to cal lin six new caps for the match against Turkey at Lansdowne Road today.

There is also a possibility that Giles will have to include a seventh newcomer as there is a doubt about Walsh, of Blackpool, who has an ankle injury. Foley (Oxford United) stands by for him.

The other newcomers to international honours are Langan (Derby County), Synnott (Shamrock Rovers), Daly (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Grimes (Manchester United), McGee (Queen's Park Rangers), and Ryan (Derby).

The selection was compicated for Giles because of the unavailability of three Arsenal players, O'Leary, Brady, Stapleton, and Mulligan (West Bromwich Albion) and Grealish (Orient) because of club calls.

Also Givens (Queen's Park Rangers), Heighway (Liverpool) and Sheedy (Hereford United) were not released because of their club commitments

TEAM: M. Kearns (Walsall), D. Langan (Derby), M. Daly (Wolves), N. Synnott (Shamrock Rovers), J. Holmes (Tottenham Hotspur), G. Daly (Derby County), J. Giles (Shamrock Rovers), S. Grimes (Manchester United), M. Walsh (Blackpool) or P. Foley (Oxford United), P. McGee (Queen's Park Rangers), G. Ryan (Derby County).

Football and rugby fixtures

INTERNATIONALS: West Germany v Brazil (Hamburg, 8.15 BST), Republic of Ireland v Turkey (Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 6.0).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final round, second leg: Italy v England (Rome, 5.30 BST).

FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest (7.30), Everton v Liverpool (7.45).

THIRD DIVISION: Hereford United v Lincoln City (7.30).

SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-final round: Dundee United v Rangers (Hamnden Park, 8.0).

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic v Hibernian (7.30).

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Alloa Athletic v Montrose (6.0), Morton v St Johnstone (7.30).

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers v Berwick Rangers (7.30), Brechin City v Stranraer (6.0), Clyde v Meadowbank Thistle (7.30), Forfar Athletic v Dunfermline Athletic (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: (7.30): Dover v Gravesend, Kettering v Dartford, Minehead v Atherstone, Weymouth v Bedford, Yeovil v Barnet. First division—North: Burton v Stourbridge (7.30). First division—South: Addlestone v Ashford (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE (7.30): Bangor City v Workington, Great Harwood v Matlock Town, Macclesfield v Wigan Athletic, Northwich Victoria v Goole, Workson v Scarborough.

FA VASE: Semi-final round (replay): Hungerford Town v Barton Rovers (7.30).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Hertford Town v Walthamstow Avenue (7.30).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Hoddesdon Town v Hanwell United (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Cardiff v Newport (7.0), Cross Keys v Swansea, London Welsh v Wasps (6.0), Neath v Glamorgan Wanderers (6.30), Pontypool v Bristol (7.0), Rugby v Coventry.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Bramley v Wigan (7.30), Castleford v Widnes (7.30), Now, Hunslet v Leeds (7.30), Salford v Bradford Northern (7.30), Wakefield Trinity v Hull (7.30), Workington v Featherstone Rovers (6.0). Second division: Huddersfield v Swinton (7.30), Whitehaven v Blackpool (7.30).

Solihull is no longer just a synonym for figure skating's Karena Richardson

Unmasking this week's masquerade on ice

By John Hennessy

The first International Skating Union (ISU) "speed skating championship" on a small rink (110 metres a lap) is to be held at Solihull from Friday to Sunday. The quotation marks are used to imply a masquerade, since the event is virtually a world championship.

It is the ISU's practice, however, to demand two years' apprenticeship before the full recognition is given. So far 58 skaters have entered from eight countries—Canada, Japan, the United States, The Netherlands, Australia, Belgium, Norway and, of course, Britain.

The pressure group within the ISU who brought about this innovation were the Americans, the Canadians and the British, who persuaded the ISU at their meeting in Paris last May that there was a prima facie case for a world speed championship indoors.

Since Solihull held a successful international relay tournament last year and is more centrally placed than most, it was a strong favourite for the first venture. Perhaps before long it will be known as something other than the rink where Karena Richardson, the British women's figure skating champion, perfects her art.

Indoor speed skating has an entirely different form from the outdoor variety, familiar to followers of the Winter Olympics. It has the red-blooded flavour of man against man rather than the cold, calculating slog against the clock with another skater in an adjoining lane to provide a spur. In the indoor event you start in a line and the winner is he who gets home first. It pays no attention to times and opens the way to tactical considerations.

The tighter track calls for a different technique and we are unlikely to see any well-known faces (well-known, that is, to the Olympic speed skating fraternity), except perhaps Gaston Bouchet, a Quebecois of distinction.

The ISU championship, one for men and one for women, involves preliminary races over 500, 1,000 and 1,500 metres, whereupon the top eight, computed on a points basis, compete in a deciding 3,000 metres race. Ordinarily, four skaters can take part, but in a race over 3,000 metres eight can be accommodated, exactly as a 10,000 metres race on the track can be contested by far more athletes than can, say, one over 100 metres.

Here is a field where Britain excel, largely because our mild climate denies us the use of large outdoor rinks without heavy capital outlay on refrigeration. While nature provides, man must economize. Except on the four or five times a century when the Fens are frozen, we have to go indoors and the economics of the exercise demand small rinks, suitable also for figure skaters and the general public.

The relays at Solihull (outside the championship) are to be sponsored by Morris Volcan, whose skateboard factory is within a mile of the Solihull rink. Presumably they feel that they got good value for their support of the trial runs last year. Solihull can take 1,400 spectators.

The relay races are held over 3,000 metres, or 27 laps, with the skaters handing over to one of their compatriots (there are four in a team) at the end of each lap. Bodily contact is the legal requirement and takes the forms of a push to help the new man on his way. A push or two may be all that is needed to send this new championship on its triumphant way.

Football results

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Middlesbrough 2, Chelsea 0
Coventry 0, Newcastle 0
Orient 0, Blackburn 0
Sunderland 1, Stoke 0
Charlton 0, Cardiff 0
Sheffield Utd 2, Brighton 0
Notts County 1, Fulham 1
Oldham 4, Bristol Rovers 1
Plymouth 1, Sheffield Wed 1
Rotherham 0, Shrewsbury 0
Swindon 0, Cambridge 0
Aldershot 1, Reading 1.
Colchester 2, Chesterfield 0
Gillingham 1, Port Vale 1
Bournemouth 1, Watford 2
Southport 0, Swansea 3
Wimbledon 2, Grimsby 2
York 1, Crewe 1
Barnsley 3, Halifax 2
Huddersfield 0, Northampton 1.
Rochdale 0, Hartlepool 1.
Scunthorpe 2, Newport 0
Preston 1, Walsall 0
Portsmouth 0, Oxford 2
Peterborough 5, Bradford C 0

Squash rackets

LONDON: British junior open championships: First round: A. Naylor beat C. T. Smith, 9—2, 9—2, 9—0; T. Pepper wo S. Key scr; K. French (Australia) beat A. R. Peters, 9—0, 9—0, 9—0; N. O'Hagan beat A. J. Blakemore, 9—5, 9—2, 9—3; I. G. Swarbrick beat R. Berman, 9—2, 9—1, 9—0; U. Nayat (Pakistan) beat G. Randall-Johnson, 9—3, 9—1, 9—2; N. Shah (Pakistan) beat M. Rosskelly, 9—0, 9—0, 9—0; S. Spragg wo G. Palmer, scr; R. Pollard (Australia) beat S. A. Barker, 9—4, 9—5, 9—0; J. Gul (Pakistan) beat T. Chambers, 9—0, 9—3, 9—7; J. Khan (Pakistan) beat S. Bateman, 6—10, 10—8, 9—1, 9—7; J. Cooke beat J. Callan, 5—9, 9—0, 10—8, 9—3; R. Wilson beat J. Adulata, 6—9, 10—9, 9—5, 9—10, 9—3; D. Thomas beat N. Strauss, 7—9, 9—6, 9—0, 10—8; B. Watkins beat D. Jefferson, 9—3, 9—0, 9—0; S. Quatrir (Pakistan), beat D. A. Smith, 9—2, 9—3, 5—9, 9—2, 9—6; N. A. Carr beat T. A. Cotterell, 9—4, 9—5, 10—9; T. Camiron (Australia) beat B. S. Knight (Ireland) 9—4, 9—9, 9—5, 9—4; J. Peet beat K. B. Belcher, 9—0, 9—1, 9—1; M. Shaw beat R. Tan, 9—2, 9—5, 9—2; J. S. Trite beat J. A. Scott, 9—7, 9—9, 9—9, 9—7, 9—4; R. Kuj (Australia) beat A. R. Ray, 9—5, 9—3, 9—6; H. Khan (Pakistan) beat R. Kelly, 9—2, 9—0, 9—0.

Eton fives

ETON: Kinnaird Cup: Quarter-final round: D. Firth and M. Keeling beat A. Bundy and C. Hampton, 12—9, 13—3, 12—7; A. Hughes and A. Campbell beat N. Colquhoun and P. Gibbs, 13—9, 12—9, 12—5; G. Bates and B. Matthews beat R. Smethers and C. Williams, 12—14, 12—8, 12—9, 10—13, 12—7; A. Gibson and D. Wainwright beat R. Topham and N. Pocock, 11—13, 12—3, 12—6, 12—5.

More to squash than banging about in a box

What is remarkable about *The Story of Squash* (Cassell, £2.95) is that its author Rex Bellamy has found so much to say and said it so entertainingly. There is a good deal more to squash than "banging about in a box" as it was once derisively described, but it remains one of the hardest sports to cover in the journalist's repertoire. It is only a slight exaggeration to say that when the Khans were playing each other, there was time to slip out for a drink and return to find them still playing the same rally.

Bellamy's 176 pages—the remaining 45 record worldwide results—reflect a thorough and sensitive grasp of the game and an awareness of its rapid development over the past 20 years. Because he has taken the trouble to get to know players off court as well as on it, he can not only read a match, but transmit his feelings vividly on to paper. This is primarily the work
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Mark Phillips has had aw from next week's horse trials, which April 13 to 16, it was sterday. His horse, oliday, who had to be at fence face in Hunts- oss, where his bridle nocked himself when t Kinlet on the Satur- he Easter weekend. A njured leg has been is traditional veterinary o increase the blood an injured limb) and it he will be fit for the vents, and to take his th the selectors for the mpionships in September. Captain Phillips was e ride on the holder of ead Trophy at Bad- Mrs Hugh Straker's after Lucinda Prior- horse is now 13 years e did not want to ask of him. This was the iss Palmer, who rode tory both at Badminton e European champion-

aptain Phillips finds hout a ride on the r which he won on his Ovation in 1971 and n the Queen's Columbus feed, the past few years on have been dominated n Phillips and Miss ier, who won on Be 73, on Wide Awake in on George a year ago. ior Palmer has two her bow this year, Mr Killaire and Overseas Containers Limited's Village Gossip, who has yet to fulfil his early promise and was disinclined to cooperate at Crookham last month, on his first appearance of the year.

But Killaire, who finished second to Carawich at Burghley in 1975, and was second to George at Badminton last year, could well bring his rider further honour and glory as the first to win here on four occasions.

A predictably strong home entry contains all the established favourites—Richard Meade, who won on The Poacher in 1970 and now rides Bleak Hills, as well as another former winner, Jane Holderness-Roddam, on Warrior, and others aiming at the short list for the world championships, at Lexington, Kentucky, in September.

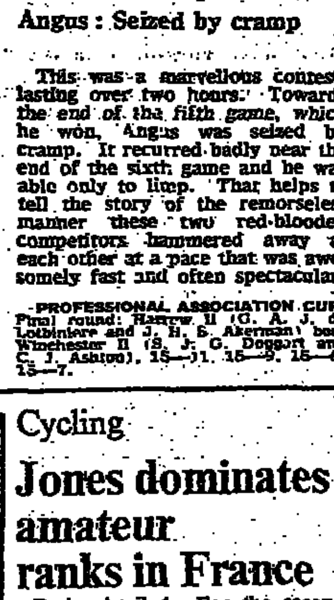
The vital element of international competition will be provided by riders from France, Poland, Spain, Sweden (Jan Jonsson, winner of the individual bronze medal at the Munich Olympics in 1972), Switzerland, and the United States. A force of five from Ireland includes one who rides in uniform on an army horse from the McKee Barracks in Phoenix Park and four civilians, two of them Olympic riders, John Watson, on Cambridge Blue, and Gerry Sinnott, on March Brown.

Hugh Thomas, whose Playamar broke down in the last Olympics, is back in contention again on Campanario. Princess Anne has two entries, the Queen's Olympic veteran, Goodwill, and her own Irish-bred Flame Gun.

lis mainly responsible Haileybury's success

ckets Correspondent

y won the Schools ibles championship for time since 1944, at b yesterday. Richard eter Wallis outclassed pair David Thomas Paul to win by 15—9, 0, 7—15, 15—9, in the On the few occasions d and the play of Ellis, ling though excitable ame ragged, it was held his side together. such a fast pace and ecisively in the first nd a half that Harrow to look clumsy. quash rackets player, ir shots and Paul was t on the turn. There ation of Harrow con- Wallis. Thomas did first winner until near the second game, and overcome until Hailey- in the third. seemed too easy for Towards the end of and throughout the became careless and atic. He ceased to court. Harrow were into the match and cky recovery in the –8 to 9—11. A reso- en ended their hopes. owed the second leg ch between Howard Open champion, and ie, the amateur cham- ahead by four games er the first leg, won four games to two, –6, 3—15, 18—16, –9, and plays John first leg is on Friday lub) for the right to illiam Surtees for the



Angus : Seized by cramp

This was a marvellous contest, lasting over two hours. Towards the end of the fifth game, which he won, Angus was seized by cramp. It recurred badly near the end of the sixth game and he was able only to limp. That helps to tell the story of the remorseless manner these two red-blooded competitors hammered away at each other at a pace that was awesomely fast and often spectacular.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION CUP: Final round: Harrow II (G. A. J. de Lotbiniere and J. H. S. Akerman) beat Winchester II (S. J. G. Doggart and C. J. Ashton), 15—11, 18—9, 15—6, 15—7.

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al tournament players much more than good ccessful in the forth- season, which offers prize money. That is of the European Players' Division sec- Schofield. "Players uaranteed weekly wage an tournaments", he the chilling statistics most 75 per cent of total prize money is op 60 money winners. o comfort to the near players scrambling for g 25 per cent."

players in this year's of merit will be exempt from qualify- ding sponsored events eland and Continental 979. This has been en the ETPD and the olf Association's pro- echnical committee. e no further need for l order of merit. Ryder Cup match be- lub professionals of he United States will t Mellion, Plymouth, r 8 to 10. The home nsist of nine leading e Slazenger PGA Club Championship at rogate, on July 25 to has yet to win the was instituted in 1973.

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Cycling

Jones dominates amateur ranks in France

Paris, April 4.—For the second consecutive year French amateur cycling is dominated by a foreigner. Last year Jonathan Boyer, of the United States, and Paul Sherwen, of England, led the pack until turning professional. Now it is another Englishman, Graham Jones, at the top of the *Palme d'Or*.

On Sunday he literally offered his team colleague, Luc Mariette, of France, victory in the Paris-Villenauxe race. On Saturday he had won his fifth important race, the Paris-Troyes, since the season started on February 22. He has finished second in three other races.

He lives in Paris and rides for the Athlétique Club de Boulogne Billancourt, the nursery club for the Peugeot trade teams. He trained in Belgium during the winter, which perhaps explains his early-season form. The Belgians have a reputation for rigorous preparation. Jones will race for England in the Sealink international five-day road race starting from Manchester on April 19.—Agence France-Presse.

New idea by stud

Norman Chamberlain has come up with a novel idea for his Acrum Lodge Stud at West Auckland. He is offering the services of Keren, one of his three stallions, to maiden or barren mares free of charge from May 1 to July 15, unless the mare is found to be in foal by October 1st, in which case, the fee will be £250.

Racing

Seven Barrows smoothly on its way

By Michael Seely

Peter Walwyn's powerful team is moving quickly into top gear. At Leicester yesterday "Obby" Waller's home bred filly, Suni, gave the Seven Barrows trainer his third success of the season when smoothly disposing of 20 rivals in the Harborough maiden stakes.

Patrick Eddery, the champion jockey, had a comfortable ride on Suni, who struck the front entering the last furlong and easily resisted the challenge of Idle Waters, who was racing on her own on the far side of the course. This was a good performance by this well-bred filly. Suni is by Crepello out of the Vimy mare, Sounion, who has already thrown several winners. At the end of her racing career the filly will make a welcome addition to the *Shutford Stud, which is owned in* partnership by Mr Waller and Tim Rootes and managed by Bob McCreery.

Walwyn confirmed that both Formidable and Camden Town were in great heart. Formidable *is still a probable for the Green-* ham Stakes at Newbury. Camden Town will try to follow up his Teesside Park success by capturing the Craven Stakes before a final decision is reached about his participation in the 2000 Guineas.

Earlier in the afternoon Walwyn had watched his three-year-old, Hill's Treble, finish a well beaten third behind Aberader in the principal race of the day, the Burton Overy Stakes. The 2—1 on favourite, Sharpen Your Eye, disappointingly, dropping out two furlongs from home to finish fourth.

Aberader is trained by Henry Candy for Major General Sir Randle Feilden, a former senior steward of the Jockey Club. A son of the American sire, Dubassof, who is by Sea Bird II, Aberader won both his final races last autumn. His victory yesterday showed that he is clearly developing on the right lines. *Candy said* that the colt's next target would probably be the Dee Stakes at Chester, where the Chester cup is the objective of the Berkshire trainer's Cesarewitch winner, Assured, who recently won the Queen's Prize at empton for the second year running.

Richard Hannon, another trainer in form, continued on his winning way when Sand Dancer showed too much speed for the joint favourite, City Link Lass and Galleypot Girl in the Bescaby Maiden Fillies Stakes. Hannon has always been quick off the mark with his two-year-olds. The Marlborough trainer has now saddled three winners of this age group from only six runners.

Newmarket stables had their only victory of the afternoon when Little Nugget outstayed More Pleasure in the last furlong of the Holwell Handicap. Little Nugget's handler, Sir Mark Prescott was relieved to have his first winner of the season. "I have only had three runners so far and they have all been beaten favourites".

More Pleasure's trainer, Bruce Hobbs, said that Tumbledownwind, who had to miss last aturday's Ascot 2000 Guineas Trial Stakes because of an attack of coughing would probably go to Newmarket without a preliminary race. "I will give him a week or 10 days to get over it" Hobbs said, "and Tumbledownwind is such an easy horse to get fit that the 2000 Guineas will probably be his first race of the season".

No horse will have to be ballotted out of the Irish Sweeps Lincoln at Doncaster on Saturday. Only 25 stood their ground at the four-day stage for the second leg of the spring double yesterday. The round course at Doncaster can accommodate 27 runners. There were no surprise withdrawals.

Fair Season remains favourite, being top priced at 7-1 with Ladbrokes. Eight to one is also available about last year's winner, Blustery, with the same firm. They then go 10-1 Captain Wings (from 12-1), Glorified and The Hertford. The winner will probably come from this group.

Glorified's trainer James Bethell said at Leicester yesterday that he was delighted with the five-year-old and even *more* pleased that the race was being run on the round course. "Glorified is very well", Bethell said. "He is sure to go close, but I must admit to being frightened of Fair Season".

At Haydock Park this afternoon Bethell runs Snow-Star in the Danny Maher Handicap. Bethell celebrated his recent move to Whitsbury in fine style by capturing the valuable Rosebery Handicap at Kempton Park on the opening day of the season. Snow-Star, who obliged at the first time of asking in 1977, can carry on the good work today.

But unlike all this afternoon's races this two-mile handicap is a competitive affair. That remarkable seven-year-old mare, Fair *Kitty, is a prolific winner on the* flat, over hurdles and over fences. At Catterick Bridge last week she signified her well being when romping home by three lengths. Sir Thomas Pilkington's four-year-old, La Garde, won three events *of this type* last season. The filly looked in great shape when I saw her in her box in Bruce Hobbs's stable recently. Our Newmarket man says that La Garde has done plenty of good work recently, but I shall stand by Snow-Star's proven liking for soft ground.

Doncaster acceptors

LINCOLN HANDICAP (one mile): Casino Boy, Baronet, Digitalis, Blustery, Ashbro addo, Yamadori, Claudio Nicolai, Carriage Way, Fair Season, Whitby Jet, Prince Gabriel, Chukaroo, Glorified, Le Soleil, Reppin Castle, Captain's Wings, Steel City, The Hertford, Kilnahron, Mr Nice Guy, Petronisi, Noble Venture, Sunset Value, Donzel, Crimson Silk. To be run on Saturday.

Flat fixture may not be practicable at Ascot

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Having been forced to switch their first flat race meeting of the season to Newmarket, the Ascot authority, along with many others, must be wondering whether flat racing is practical there at this time of the year.

In recent years they have spent a great deal of money on drainage, yet the flat and the National Hunt courses are still as different as chalk and cheese. Last Saturday racing on the flat course was out of the question, yet it will take place this afternoon on the jumping course on ground that is described as no worse than good to soft.

Inevitably, and understandably, some will ask why the two courses are so different, and the answer will be watering. Any course which is watered as heavily as the flat course at Ascot is in the summer must be much more prone to the whims of an English winter and spring than one that is not. Watering not only raises the level of the water table, but also completely alters the texture of the turf.

Last year Ascot had to switch its Victoria Cup meeting to Newbury because of the hammering that the course took in April. This time it was felt advisable not even to risk racing, because the effects might have still been felt during the Royal meeting in June.

Against that backcloth no one ought to be surprised if the authority decide not to apply for what is in their book a distinctly dicey fixture in years to come.

The main race there today is the Berni Inns Long Distance Hurdle. On all known form the finish should concern Dramatist. Flame Gun and Lacson, unless that unpredictable character, *Levaramoss, takes it into his head* to race in earnest. Earlier in the season I wrote that Dramatist's future seemed to lie in steeplechasing or over long distances, having seen him beaten over two miles.

After pondering the problem, his connexions eventually decided to postpone a switch to steeplechasing until next year and to have one more crack at the Champion Hurdle itself. As things worked out at Cheltenham, Dramatist was able to finish only fifth.

However, with much farther to race today, he ought to be able to win this nice consolation prize at the expense of the Irish challenger, Flame Gun, who beat Dramatist's stable companion, Peterhof, by two and a half lengths in the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Rolls Rambler (2.0) and Gruffandgrim (4.40) are likely winners

Gandolfo hits out at Heinz abandonment

David Gandolfo, the Wantage trainer, had some harsh words to say at Sandown Park yesterday about the abandonment of last Saturday's Heinz Steeplechase, which was dropped when Ascot's flat card was transferred to Newmarket. Gandolfo had trained Trio J especially for the Heinz and had to make do with what *he called* "peanuts"—*the £912* prize money for winning the Novices' Steeplechase at Sandown.

The trainer said: "Trio J was third in the Ascot event last season, and had been specially trained for the race this year. We had no warning of this abandonment, nt even at the four-day stage."

Whether or not Trio J would have won on Saturday, the seven-year-old recently justified 13-8 favouritism by beating Tudor Prospect. Stonepark cut out most *of the running, but turning for* home Bob Campion's mount was overtaken by Tudor Prosyect, Duc de Bolebec and the improving Trio J. Paul Barton got a huge leap out of Trio J at the last



Best of three : Trio J takes the last to win from Tudor Prospect and Duc de Bolebec

US follows Britain's lead on artificial insemination

The New York Jockey Club have followed the lead given last week by the Jockey Club, the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and Weatherbys in confirming that they will not accept for registration foals conceived by means of artificial insemination. The stewards of the New York Jockey Club held a meeting on Monday after which Nicholas F. Brady, the chairman, issued the following statement:

"We have considered the problem of contagious equine metritis as it has developed in the state of Kentucky. We have taken the matter very seriously. It is our small number of thoroughbreds understanding that only a very have been positively identified as having contagious equine metritis. We have also been informed of the United States Department of Agriculture's embargo and the strong code of practice instituted by the Thoroughbred Breeders of Kentucky to inhibit spread of the disease.

"It was the unanimous decision of the stewards that no change in the rule which prohibits registration of foals conceived by artificial insemination is warranted at this time. This rule is intended to ensure the authenticity of thoroughbred blood lines and the integrity of the American Stud Book.

"In reaching this decision it is important to point out hat this is not purely a domestic matter. The American Stud Book is closely linked with the Stud Books of England, France, Ireland, Germany, Australia and New Zealand *and other countries, who have* informed us of their total opposition to any change in our rules.

"We shall promptly establish an industry study group to collect further information on the subject matter, and to work closely with the international authorities whose cooperation will be essential."

STATE OF GOING (official): Ascot: Good to soft. Haydock Park: Soft. Doncaster (tomorrow): Good.

Haydock Park programme

2.0 VALUE CENTRE STAKES (3-y-o: £1,291: 6f)

1 4200-0 Bash (R. Gibbons), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 ...... C. Moss 5
2 40000-0 Black Mark (L. Benison), J. Hardy, 9-0 ...... M. L. Thomas 13
5 000- Eyeline (Grove Cottage Racing Ltd), P. Rohan, 9-0 C. Dwyer 7
4 000-0 Fata Morgana (J. Honeywood), D. Weeden, 9-0 P. Young 3 3
7 00000-0 Retza (M. Oakley), R. Mason, 9-0 ...... N. Brannick 7 12
Running Cost (L. Gallagher), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 M. Birch 10
9 0- Songeman (S. Humphreys), C. Crossley, 9-0 L. Gouthwaite 7 9
11 030000- Sun Emperor (L. Barratt), Barratt, 9-0 ...... G. Sexton 1
12 0000-0 Swing To And Fro (N) (Mrs W. Tulloch), J. Nelson, 9-0 G. Baxter 14
13 000- True Gunner (Mrs A. Mulnos), G. Harwood, 9-0 G. Starkey 4
14 Froad (C. Bainbridge), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 11
15 03000-0 Lindum Parva (Mrs F. Clarke), J. Skilling, 8-11 J. Seagrave 8
17 040- Miss Pudge (W. D. Francis), Francis, 8-11 ...... W. Carson 15
18 00000- Precious Patra (R. Nicholson), D. Doyle, 8-11 ...... S. Perks 6
19 00-0 Splendid Siani (D. Williams), D. Sasse, 8-11 ...... J. Reid 2
7-2 Fata Morgana, 4-1 Black Mark, 6-1 Running Cost, True Gunner, 8-1 Miss Pudge, 10-1 Bash, 12-1 Retza Swing to and Fro, 16-1 Lindum Parva, 20-1 others.

2.30 GEORGE FORDHAM STAKES (2-y-o: Maiden: C and G: £970: 5f)

1 Cockney Rebel (W. Ponsonby), P. Cole, 9-0 .. G. Baxter 5
2 0 Great Fonzerelli (B) (W. Gerhauser), B. Swift, 9-0 G. Ramshaw 7
3 Hitou (M. Taylor), J. Hardy, 9-0 ...... J. Woodward 7 10
4 Initial Reduction (P. Hume), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 J. Haynes 7 1
5 Park 1st (L. Barratt), Barratt, 9-0 ...... G. Sexton 4
6 0 Pomme Star (R. Biller), H. O'Neill, 9-0 ...... — 3
7 2 Pompously (J. Hardy), Hardy, 9-0 ...... M. L. Thomas 9
8 Prince Kelly (D. Howard), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .. T. Ives 6
9 Red Crow (Miss J. Philipson-Stow), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 9-0 W. Carson 8
10 Singing Tom (T. Frost), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 .... M. Birch 2
7-4 Pompously, 7-2 Red Crow, 9-2 Singing Tom, 6-1 Great Fonzerelli, 8-1 Cockney Rebel, 12-1 Princess Kelly, 20-1 others.

3.0 WRIGHT AND GREEN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,772: 1m 40yd)

1 212- Remainder Man (C-D) (Mrs D. Jardine), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 T. Ives 3
2 01- Homing (Ld Rotherwick), W. Hern, 8-13 .... W. Carson 10
3 21102- Los Reyes (C) (D. Schwartz), B. Hills, 8-9 .... E. Johnson 7
4 0013-0 Evesboy (A. Nicholls), G. Harwood, 8-8 ...... G. Starkey 6
5 01402- Popular Win (R. Sangster), H. Price, 8-8 ...... B. Taylor 4
6 3010- Irish Noble (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 8-3 ...... J. Lowe 1
8 420421- Silver Lord (C. Elliot), C. Brittain, 8-0 ...... E. Hide 9
10 43413-0 Coffee House (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 7-10 .... D. McKay 5
11 41000-0 Lady Abernant (Brian A. Shovelton "North Wales" Ltd), E. Rosvey, 7-10 ...... R. Street 2
12 32100-2 Come Play With Me (D. Sullivan), N. Callaghan, 7-8 M. Wood 8
11-4 Remainder Man, 7-2 Homing, 4-1 Popular Win, 6-1 Irish Noble, 8-1 Los Reyes, 10-1 Evesboy, 12-1 Coffee House, Come Play With Me, 20-1 others.

3.30 DANNY MAHER HANDICAP (£1,682: 2m 28yd)

2 232242- Therapeon (J. Grady), D. Weeden, 4-9-3 .... P. Young 3 10
3 102110- La Garde (Sir T. Pilkington), B. Hobbs, 4-9-0 .. G. Lewis 1
4 0-4 Estate Agent (G. Leatham), M. W. Easterby, 5-8-5 C. Moss 4
5 421200- Emerald Emperor (J. Hanson), Hanson, 4-8-4 .. E. Johnson 5
6 003132- Snow-Star (C-D) (Miss S. Dunne), J. Bethell, 5-8-4 W. Carson 6
7 13410-1 Fair Kitty (A. Milner), J. FitzGerald, 7-8-4 .. G. Oldroyd 9
8 00000-0 Montreal Boy (B) (N. Chapman), J. Calvert, 7-7-13 L. Charnock 3
9 Jim Colner (Mrs L. Mildenstein), J. Webber, 6-7-9 M. L. Thomas 11
10 300212- Golden Apple (C-D) (H. Price), P. Asquith, 4-7-9 J. Lowe 8
11 0024-3 San Patricio (Mrs D. Abbott), G. Harwood, 4-7-8 M. Roberts 7
12 310100- Scoria (C) (G. Joy), J. A. Turner, 12-7-7 .... K. Darley 7 2
9-4 Golden Apple, 11-4 La Garde, 4-1 San Patricio, 6-1 Snow Star, 8-1 Emerald Emperor, 10-1 Fair Kitty, 12-1 Therapeon, 20-1 others.

4.0 SPAR CUP (3-y-o: £1,318: 1¼m 131yd)

1 00-0 Apple Prince (H. Price), R. Hollinshead, 10-12 Mr A. Hollinshead 4 6
2 0220- Derken (K. Holland), D. Weeden, 10-12 .. Miss D. Young 15
3 Elistan (W. Bickerstaffe), W. Haigh, 10-12 .. Mr C. Cundall 12
5 0000- Grey Magic (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 10-12 .. Mr C. Platts 8
6 004300- Groovy (R. Biller), H. O'Neill, 10-12 ...... — 9
7 000-4 Jackie Cass (R. Hollinshead), Hollinshead, 10-12 Miss S. Hollinshead 4 4
8 004- Jack O'Lantern (J. Fenwick), P. Cundell, 10-12 Mr A. J. Wilson 7
9 0000- La Brea (J. Peers), J. Cousins, 10-12 .... Mrs A. Cousins 5
10 Levine (Lt-Col R. Warden), M. H. Easterby, 10-12 Mr T. Easterby 4 3
12 0003-0 Rodney Parade (J. Thomas), M. Salaman, 10-12 Mr W. Pearce 4 13
13 400002- Tidy Work (E. Houlston), J. Calvert, 10-12 Mrs J. Calvert 11
14 000-2 Gallie Craig (W. Russell), P. Rohan, 10-9 .... Miss D. Bisaill 14
15 0040-0 Honey Season (Mrs E. Rhind), M. W. Easterby, 10-9 Mrs D. Brotherton 4 2
17 0- Novorossiysk (P. Bonnett), N. Adam, 10-9 Mr M. Higgins 4 1
18 00-3 Ruth's Diamond (R. Falkingham), A. Smith, 10-9 Miss H. Jack 10
7-2 Groovy, 4-1 Gallie Craig, 6-1 Ruth's Diamond, Jack O'Lantern, 7-1 Honey Season, 8-1 Jackie Cass, 10-1 Tidy Work, 12-1 Grey Magic, 20-1 others.

4.30 HERBERT JONES HANDICAP (£1,247: 7f 40yd)

1 040000- Sealed Brief (Mrs E. Kettlewell), M. W. Easterby, 4-10-0 C. Moss 6
2 112022- Dust-Up (C-D) (J. Bigg), R. Hollinshead, 4-8-12 K. Darley 7 5
4 100000- Boundless (Mrs G. Peter-Hoblyn), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 9-8-6 P. Eddery 9
5 210000- Track Belle (R. Mason), Mason, 4-8-2 ...... M. Ruddick 7 8
6 113013- Orange Squash (B) (J. Haverhals), B. Hanbury, 4-8-1 J. Lynch 7
8 104000- Mahar (C) (J. Harrison), J. Calvert, 4-7-7 .... S. Salmon 1
9 00-3 Aristotle (B,C) (J. Bower), A. Andrews, 5-7-7 F. Postill 7 3
10 020000- Pick Your Own (T. McCaffigan), J. Cousins, 4-7-7 E. Johnson 2
11 00000- Prince (F. Tyldesley), J. Cousins, 4-7-7 ...... J. Lowe 4
15-8 Orange Squash, 5-2 Dust-Up, 4-1 Boundless, 6-1 Track Belle, 10-1 Aristotle, 12-1 Mahar, 16-1 others.

Ascot NH programme

[Television (BBC2): 2.35, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

2.0 MERLIN STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £1,318: 3m)

1 12-1u31 High Prospect (D), J. Edwards, 8-12-1 .. Mr C. Saunders
2 27-0211 Rolls Rambler (D), F. Winter, 7-12-1 .. Mr N. Henderson
3 2-01 Entertainment (D), R. Perkins, 8-11-11 .... Mr J. Docker
3 31pf-f Europleasure, R. Tate, 10-11-11 ...... Mr ...
5 04210-0 Merrybent, R. Clements, 9-11-11 ...... Mr R. Clements 7
6 223-030 Adulation, R. Roberts, 11-11-7 ...... Mr R. ...
10 nu24 Lacedaemon, R. Bethell, 9-11-7 ...... Mr W. A. Bethell 7
12 03f-322 Mastership, L. Werner, 8-11-7 ...... Mr B. Stevens 7
12 u2 Royal Guide, N. Rainford, 7-11-7 ...... Mr R. Mann 7
14 p0 Stepson, R. Asser, 8-11-7 ...... Mr P. Webber 7
6-4 Rolls Rambler 9-4 High Prospect, 9-2 Entertainment, 6-1 Mastership, 12-1 Merrybent, 14-1 others.

2.35 HEN HARRIER HURDLE (Novices: £1,747: 2½m)

205 0p-000 Just Because, N. L.-Judson, 7-11-8 ...... M. Charles 5
206 211322 Kenlis, A. Dickinson, 7-11-8 ...... M. Dickinson
207 0000p-p Money Market, C. Bewicke, 11-11-8 ...... J. King
209 f21 No Bolla (D), A. Watts, 6-11-8 ...... Mr A. Vates 5
210 3-14120 Seider Man, Mrs E. Kennard, 7-11-8 ...... P. Richards
211 Town Tyrant, F. Walwyn, 7-11-8 ...... W. Smith
217 031040 Crowning Issue, D. Morley, 5-11-7 ...... B. R. Davies
218 4 Doddington Park, J. Haine, 5-11-7 ...... C. Young 7
220 2100 Knocknagin, P. Cundell, 5-11-7 ...... M. O'Halloran
221 0 Lovers-Bow, H. Trigg, 5-11-7 ...... E. Waite 7
222 40-0211 Man of Steel (D), G. Richards, 5-11-7 ...... T. Carberry
223 311404 Peter Grimes, R. Turnell, 5-11-7 ...... A. Turnell
224 113 Ruby Wine (C), F. Winter, 5-11-7 ...... J. Francome
250 000 Geeteebee, A. Moore, 4-11-0 ...... James Guest
251 90003 Kirov, B. Gubby, 4-11-0 ...... Joe Guest
253 1 *News King, N. Callaghan, 4-11-0 ......
254 0031 Promalta, A. Moore, 4-11-0 ...... Mr G. Moore 7
11-8 Man of Steel, 7-2 Ruby Wine, 4-1 Kenlis, 8-1 Peter Grimes, 8-1 Spider Man, 16-1 others.

3.5 PEREGRINE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap £2,988 2½m)

504 401110- Royal Epic (D), V. Cross, 7-11-5 ...... J. King
506 f11-001 Regal Choice, J. Haine, 8-11-2 ...... R. Champion
507 01f-4p2 Cantastar, M. Goswell, 8-11-1 ...... R. Rowell
510 421033 Prebihas (D), D. Nicholson, 6-10-9 ...... R. Morgan
512 f30310 Jackadandy (D), F. Winter, 7-10-3 ...... M. Bastard 7
513 12432f Kabeau (D), M. Oliver, 8-10-1 ...... R. Crank
9-4 Prebihas, 11-4 Regal Choice, 9-2 Cantastar, 6-1 Jackadandy, 8-1 Royal Epic, 10-1 Kabeau.

3.35 BERNI INNS HURDLE (£5,933: 3m)

401 321220 Dramatist (C), F. Walwyn, 7-11-12 ...... W. Smith
403 131221 Flame Gun (D), E. O'Grady, 6-11-12 ...... N. Madden
404 21-1fp0 Salviati, J. Gifford, 10-11-12 ...... M. Stanley
406 411010 Banswara, H. de Bromhead, 6-11-3 ...... Mr P. Coveney
408 110203 Lacson (D), R. Hawker, 6-11-3 ...... R. Linley
409 201000 Levaramoss, M. Bolton, 6-11-3 ...... R. Rowell
411 002114 Quickapenny, E. Courage, 8-11-3 ...... A. Webber
413 1p2420 *Rushmere (C), R. Atkins, 5-11-3* ...... R. Atkins
414 303u41 Southern Darling, J. Gifford, 8-11-3 ...... R. Champion
415 0-040u0 Wotdyknow, G. Richards, 7-11-3 ...... T. Carberry
416 42-1210 Brother Broncho (D), W. Wright, 6-11-0 ...... A. Hall
6-4 Dramatist, 4-1 Flame Gun, 11-2 Banswara, 8-1 Lacson, 10-1 Quickapenny, 14-1 others.

4.10 GOLDEN EAGLE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £2,502: 2½m)

501 240201 Albury Lad, S. Mellor, 8-11-3 ...... P. Blacker
502 33-402f Andrew Patrick, R. Turnell, 7-11-3 ...... A. Turnell
503 0-a0003 Carnival Day, A. Dickinson, 7-11-3 ...... M. Dickinson
506 030-002 Dawlish, N. Gaselee, 7-11-3 ...... M. Floyd
507 4-24402 Fishermans Cot, Mrs E. Kennard, 7-11-3 ...... P. Richards
508 440020 Gamlingay, R. Blakeney, 7-11-3 ...... M. Bastard
509 0p-2224 Haigo, G. Balding, 6-11-3 ...... R. Linley
513 403413 Physicist, J. Gifford, 6-11-3 ...... R. Champion
515 11-312 Serpent's Three, A. Jarvis, 6-11-3 ...... J. O'Neill
516 433343 Valiant Charger, F. Winter, 7-11-3 ...... J. Francome
517 3f4343 William Penn, D. Prarma, 7-11-3 ...... P. O'Brien
519 0-00330 Jack Denore, D. Nicholson 5-10-12 ...... J. Suthern
3-1 *Valiant Charger*, 7-2 *Albury Lad*, 4-1 Dawlish, 11-2 *Fishermans Cot*, 8-1 Carnival Day, 10-1 Physicist, 14-1 others.

4.40 KESTREL HURDLE (£2,544: 2m)

603 f-13121 Gruffandgrim (D), F. Winter, 5-12-1 ...... J. Francome
605 101 Prousto (D), A. Jarvis, 5-12-1 ...... J. O'Neill
605 040200 Regent's Garden (D), L. Kennard, 5-11-7 .... R. R. Evans
610 220 Romany Furlong, R. Turnell, 5-11-3 ...... A. Turnell
611 141120 French Saint (D), D. Morley, 4-10-10 ...... B. R. Davies
612 00132 Royal Idol (D), V. Cross, 4-10-10 ...... F. McKenna
5-4 *Gruffandgrim*, 7-4 *Prousto*, 6-1 *Regent's Garden*, 12-1 French Saint, 14-1 others.
* Doubtful runner

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2.15 CLENT HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £548: 2m)

3 0000 Ask Me Nicely, J. Vaughan, 11-0 ...... R. Hyett
5 f0p0 Bestreaked, L. Warren, 11-0 ...... M. Young 5
8 p443 Chestnut Walk, M. McCourt, 11-0 ...... G. McCourt
10 p Deboli, E. Owen Jun, 11-0 ...... R. Wildling 5
12 Donway, Mrs J. Pitman, 11-0 ...... B. Smart
15 p0 *Greetings, J. Dalton, 11-0* ...... *C. Roberts 7*
16 400 Heron's Copper, J. Peacock, 11-0 ...... N. Breeze 7
18 02004 Linton, D. Underwood, 11-0 ...... J. Redmond 7
19 p0 Major Enterprise, S. Holland, 11-0 ...... S. Holland
20 ff Malcolms Pride, E. Owen Jun, 11-0 ...... N. Balmer 5
21 002 New Angle, D. Gandolfo, 11-0 ...... P. Barton
22 0 Pepe Cobarro, M. Cousins, 11-0 ...... G. Holmes
25 0000 Princely Call, J. P. Jones, 11-0 ...... H. J. Evans
27 p0000 Russell's Choice, J. Spearing, 11-0 ...... A. Webb 3
27 0 Sharp Note, C. Grimwade, 11-0 ...... P. Hobbs
29 3 Sing Me, W. Mann, 11-0 ...... J. Mann
34 0000 Top Spot, D. Llewellin, 11-0 ...... H. ...les 5
35 Truckennis, Earl Jones, 11-0 ...... S. Smith-Eccles
7-4 New Angle, 7-2 Chestnut Walk, 9-2 Linton, 6-1 Sing Me, 10-1 Major Enterprise, Heron's Copper, 12-1 Donway, 16-1 others.

2.45 STOURPORT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,224: 2½m)

6 242311 Toureen (D), J. Gifford, 6-11-11 ...... H. Davies 5
7 0012-20 All Spirit, Earl Jones, 9-11-10 ...... S. Smith-Eccles
8 41u232 Blue Maid, J. Thorne, 6-11-10 ...... P. Hobbs
10 0f403u *Langton Water, Miss H. Day, 9-11-9 ......
11 01022f *Prince of Normandy, H. Gittins, 6-11-9 ...... Mr A. Wilson*
12 214304 Solonius (D), C. Wates, 9-11-6 ...... P. Haynes
17 21230f Master Scorchia, E. Bevan, 7-11-5 ...... R. Hyett
18 332400 Limner (C), D. H. Jones, 7-11-4 ...... D. Cartwright
21 p12004 Madison (D), J. Priday, 11-10-13 ...... R. Berry
22 30-00u0 Marmalade (BF), G. Balding, 6-10-11 ...... J. Fox
23 00pp0 Haddon Boy, J. Bosley, 8-10-9 ...... S. Parkyn 5
25 0-0f Icebreaker, T. Forster, 8-10-9 ...... C. Thorner
25 u00pof Current Chance, F. A. Smith, 7-10-8 ...... C. Brown 5
26 bfp020 Benfro Belle, D. Edmunds, 9-10-8 ...... Mr I. McKie 7
27 3p- Cash Bonanza, J. Wright, 8-10-5 ...... R. R. Evans
28 02-404 Inglewood, J. Thorner, 10-10-3 ...... R. Hyett
29 0bp-300 Paddy's Best, S. Holmes, 10-10-3 ...... Mr M. Brisbourne 5
30 1340pp- Coxmoor Maid (C), J. Colston, 8-10-0 ......
3-1 Toureen, 5-1 Blue Maid, 6-1 All Spirit, 8-1 Solonius, Langton Water, 10-1 Master Scorchia, Prince Of Normandy, 12-1 Limner, 14-1 Madison, Marmalade, 16-1 others.

3.15 DIGLIS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,238: 2m)

4 110-f Stupendous Boy (D), S. Woodman, 8-11-11 ...... C. Brown 3
5 01pp03 Regalian (D), T. Forster, 5-11-10 ...... A. Vogel 7
6 0-40000 True Shot (D), D. Underwood, 5-11-10 ...... G. Thorner
7 4342p0 Barmitzvah Boy (D), W. Price, 9-11-8 ...... John Williams
11 200000 Vespucci (D), D. Brown, 7-11-7 ...... P. Leach
12 030013 Virginia Drive (D), D. Underwood, 6-11-6 ...... J. Redmond 7
15 310020 Winscombe (D), J. Bosley, 6-11-6 ...... S. Davis 7
16 134010 Tidal Wave (D), D. H. Jones, 6-11-3 ...... —
18 130-003 Polly Toodle (C-D), E. Swaffield, 6-11-0 ...... P. Hobbs
20 012^01 Gordon's Lad (D), J. Wilson, 4-10-11 ...... J. Holt 7
24 144221 Lloyd Ardus (D), B. Cambidge, 5-10-11 ...... G. Jones
32 a3ff-0 Fair Gazette (C-D), P. Butler, 8-10-9 ...... P. Butler 7
33 001- Lucky Devil (D), M. Salaman, 5-10-9 ...... M. Floyd
34 320000 Invermoyle (C-D), J. Old, 6-10-7 ...... P. Barton
36 1203-0f Loeward, M. Tate, 9-10-7 ...... C. Smith
37 0p-0000 Pikey, R. Shaw, 7-10-6 ...... M. Gibson
41 0u0012- Johnny Bingo (D), E. Edmunds, 7-10-2 ...... Mr I. McKie 7
42 1ah004 Lucky Ambition (D), E. Edmunds, 5-10-1 ...... R. Hyett
43 432040 Frankly Yes (D), P. Barton, 5-10-0 ......
45 p0f000 Llacca Prince, M. Eckley, 6-10-0 ...... S. Morshead
48 020404 Lyns Legend (D), G. Price, 9-10-0 ...... Mr C. Price 7
50 000lp-p Anneline, Mrs N. Smith, 5-10-0 ...... A. Webb 5
52 p-0 Persian Gift, I. Jordon, 8-10-0 ...... P. Duggins 5
7-2 Vespucci, 5-1 Regalian, 6-1 True Shot, 7-1 Barmitzvah Boy, 8-1 Winscombe, 10-1 Tidal Wave, Virginia Drive, 12-1 Gordon's Lad, 14-1 Polly Toodle, 16-1 Stupendous Boy, 20-1 others.

3.45 MADRESFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,290: 3m)

4 22u201 Goolagong, N. Crump, 8-11-5 ...... Mr H. Orde-Powlett 5
6 2421t3 Redundant Punter (D), T. Forster, 8-11-1 ...... G. Thorner
8 00 Tasco (D), S. Holland, 8-10-12 ...... S. Holland
9 4fap04 Jimmy Bowe, E. Swaffield, 11-10-12 ...... P. Hobbs
23 3f4233 Cornmarket, C. Dingwall, 8-10-6 ...... H. J. Evans
26 030312 Lovejoy, A. Andrews, 8-10-5 ...... R. Wilding 5
28 2034p0 Tenacoon, F. A. Smith, 9-10-0 ...... C. Brown 3
29 0u23-0f Balek (D), A. Perry, 8-10-0 ...... A. K. Taylor
33 f33-244 Corrib Road (C), A. Arnold, 8-10-0 ...... C. Astbury
2-1 Goolagong, 7-2 Redundant Punter, 9-2 Jimmy Bowe, 6-1 Cornmarket, 8-1 Lovejoy, 10-1 Corrib Road, 12-1 Tasco, 16-1 others.

4.15 NEWLAND STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,020: 2m

1 0fp413 Graigue House (D), Miss S. Morris, 10-12-0 ...... P. Carvill 7
7 u1f3f0 Co-Partner (C-D), W. Jenks, 9-11-1 ...... S. Morshead
10 40120-2 Old Sid, A. Dickinson, 8-10-9 ...... C. Tinkler
13 311320 Transformation (D), J. Old, 9-10-8 ...... J. Burke
14 3224-22 September Rain (D), C. Wates, 10-10-7 ...... P. Haynes
15 131u30 *The Clerk (D), D. Gandolfo, 13-10-6* ...... *P. Barton*
18 04-3130 Burridge, T. Forster, 6-10-0 ...... G. Thorner
5-2 Graigue House, 4-1 Co-Partner, Old Sid, 6-1 Transformation, 8-1 September Rain, The Clerk, 10-1 Burridge.

4.45 CLENT HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £533: 2m)

1 42403 Alltyre, D. Underwood, 11-0 ...... J. Redmond 7
2 f Annagool, D. Ringer, 11-0 ...... H. J. Evans
3 3 Ascencia, P. Bailey, 11-0 ...... R. Barry
7 0000u Bla-Krose, S. Holland, 11-0 ......
8 20n24 Christopher Robin, P. Cundell, 11-0 ...... H. Davies 5
9 00040p Glenforn, K. Bridgwater, 11-0 ...... J. Walsh 7
10 High Neon Drifter, Mrs J. Pitman, 11-0 ...... B. Smart
11 2 Journal, T. Forster, 11-0 ...... G. Thorner
14 f0000 Passat, W. Charles, 11-0 ...... M. Charles 5
15 0 Popsi's Mandate, M. Tate, 11-0 ...... C. Smith
16 00 Pride of Towy, M. McCourt, 11-0 ...... G. McCourt
18 0 Reasonably Royal, Mrs S. Corrie, 11-0 ...... Mr A. Wilson
19 2f2004 Ronksley, S. Holland, 11-0 ...... S. Holland
20 00 Sallys Carousella, P. Bevan, 11-0 ...... E. Davis 7
21 4p0422 Sealegation, J. Spearing, 11-0 ...... A. Webb 3
22 000 Sovereign Lane, Earl Jones, 11-0 ...... S. Smith-Eccles
9-4 Ascencia, 7-2 Journal, 9-2 Christopher Robin, 6-1 Alltyre, 8-1 Ronksley, 10-1 Popsi's Mandate, 121 Sealegation, 167 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Ascot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Rolls Rambler. 2.35 Kenlis. 3.05 Regal Choice. 3.35 *Dramatist*. 4.10 Fishermans Cot. 4.40 GRUFFANDGRIM is specially recommended.

Haydock selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Lindum Parva. 2.30 Pompously. 3.0 Come Play With Me. 3.30 Snow-Star. 4.0 GAILLIE CRAIG is specially recommended. 4.30 Boundless.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Fata Morgana. 3.0 Irish Noble. 3.30 La Garde. 4.0 Derken. 4.30 Orange Squash.

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 New Angle. 2.45 Toureen. 3.15 Vespucci. 3.45 Goolagong. 4.15 *Graigue House. 4.45 Journal.*

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BESCABY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £942: 5f)

ch f, by Sandford Lad ancer, 8-11
F. Durr (12-1) 1
s, ch f, by Double a on Girl, 8-11
Rouse (11-4 jt fav) 2
, b f, by Philip of ina, 8-11
Baxter (11-4 jt fav) 3
; 6-1 Super Lady, 7-1 -1 Tender Affair, 12-1 (4th), 20-1 Coraison Sweet Glow, Tonic. 11

68p; places, 39p, 30p, cast, £7.21. R. Hannon, h, 2½l, 3l. No Regrets

KEYTHORPE STAKES 1: 5f)

e, b c, by Pontifex 11 B House (9-4) 1
y, b c, by Jimmy addy, 8-11
Mercer 2-11 fav) 2
by Andrea Mantegna 8-8
D. Nicholls (10-1) 3
8-1 Speedway Princess The Crafter. 5 ran. sl. Vantage. 4l, 20l.
24p; dual forecast, 13p. was bought in for 2,000

BURTON OVERY STAKES 4: 1m)

c, by Dubassof— 11 P. Waldron (7-1) 1
Be But, gr c, by Sovereign Path— Fair Darling, 8-11 J. Matthias (11-1) 2
Hills Treble, b c, by Blakeney— Pugnacity, 8-11 P. Eddery (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 1-2 fav Sharpen Your Eye (4th), 16-1 Milk and Honey, 25-1 Ambersaries, 33-1 Knighthood. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 96p; places, 40p, 67p; dual forecast, £28.98. H. Candy, at Wantage. 2l, 3l.

3.45 (3.46) HOLWELL HANDICAP (£1,257: 1½m)
Little Nugget, b h, by Frankincense —Coombeam, 5-9-4 G. Duffield (13-2) 1
More Pleasure, b c, by Pleasure Seeker—More Rabu, 4-9-2 G. Lewis (7-2 fav) 2
Loong Kei, b h, by Negotiation— Young Memento, 6-7-7 R. Still (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Pledge, 6-1 Grain Of Truth, You Would, 10-1 Flying Swallow, Sunchasmer (4th), 16-1 Border River, Young Blade, 25-1 Hopeful Step. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 84p; places, 35p, 19p, 48p; dual forecast, 66p. Sir M. Prescott, at Newmarket. 3l, 2l.

4.15 (4.21) HARBOROUGH STAKES (3-y-o maiden fillies: £1,010: 1m)
Suni, b f, by Crepello—Sounion, 8-11 P. Eddery (7-1) 1
Idle Waters, b f, by Mill Reef (US)— Midsummertime, 8-11 J. Reid (6-1) 2
Please Yourself, gr f, by Capistrano —Milesian Lady, 8-11 R. Curant (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav If And When, 5-1 Knock Wood, 11-2 Piccadilly Girl, 8-1 Aureole's Image, 16-1 Biondi, Cayunina, Grade Well (4th), Graceful Air, Northern Dynasty, Spring River, 20-1 Callistro, Jay Wood, Karen Sissy, Miss Snowball, Nett-Rate, Sand Maiden, Trojan's Centenary, Val D'Or. 21 ran.
TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 22p, 31p, 56p; dual forecast, £5.61. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 2½l, 1½l.

4.45 (4.47) REMPSTONE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,031: 5f)
Roman Scribe, ch c, by Sallust— Souza Rose, 9-3 B. Taylor (9-4 fav) 1
Katie Gay, b f, by Royben—Queen's Penny, 8-0 .... R. McKay (6-1) 2
Elfinarie, gr f, by Song—Fairy Ring, 9-1 .... G. Lewis (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Ritadiz, 8-1 Aggrappina, Night Owl (4th), 10-1 August Prince, 12-1 Princess Biddy, 14-1 Ghilygrope, Tender Passage, 20-1 Bourton Downs, 33-1 Shiny Step. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 51p, 29p, 21p; dual forecast, £1.40. S. Woodman, at Chichester. 2l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Aberader, Suni: £12.45. TREBLE: Chestnut Lodge, Little Nugget, Roman Scribe: £23.20. Jackpot not won. Placepot not won. Double dual forecast: £11.95.

Haydock Park

2.0 (2.4) MORNINGTON CANNON STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,017: 5f)
Salbob, ch f, by Deep Diver— Bird Friendly (Bob Jones Banger Ltd), 8-11 L. Piggott (6-5 fav) 1
Lane's Secret, br f, by Most Secret —Rosemarrida (W. Thorpe), 8-11 ...... M. Birch (12-1) 2
Helen's Sceptre, ch f, by Gold Rod—Lady Helen (F. Asquith), 8-11 ...... S. Perks (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Storm Crest (4th), 7-1 Sandycroft, 14-1 Pommesy, 25-1 Jokers All, Gigglewick, 33-1 Yankee Ballad. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 33p, 85p; dual forecast, £1.31. R. P. Rohan, Malton. 1min 06.50sec. 5l, ¾l.

2.30 (2.34) FRANK WOOTTON HANDICAP (£2,101: 1¼m 151yd)
Clois du Roi, br c, by Swinging Junior—Tenarie (W. Uper), 5-7-8 .... A. Nesbitt (20-1) 1
Qualnez, br c, by Royal Palace— Pardo (C. Prosser & Co Ltd), 4-9-3 .... M. Birch (11-2 fav) 2
Westward Leading, b g, by Frankincense—Talion (G. Mason), 7-7-12 .... K. Darley (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Aldie, 7-1 Barsalot, 8-1 Phred, Short Term, 10-1 Mister Chicken, French Warrior, Perfect Fit, Whyboy 14-1 Rust Borough (4th), 16-1 Talse Aim, Balhousie, Prince Oscis, Sadedab, 20-1 Baron De Holland, Rolus. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £8.15; places, £1.60, 13p, 20p, 42p; dual forecast, £17.32. J. Vickers, Darlington. 2min 32.51sec. 1½l, 3l. The winner was bought for 1,550 gns

3.0 (3.2) FREDDY FOX HANDICAP (£1,587: 1¼m 151yd)
Parent, br h, by Great Nephew— Pirogue (Major M. Wyatt), 5-9-8 ...... E. Hide (6-1) 1
Startingo, ch c, by Petingo—Pearl Star (P. Sherman), 4-8-5 W. Carson (5-4) 2
Tabernacle, h g, by Manacle— Taborica (Mrs M. Bridgwater), 5-7-0 ...... N. Howe (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Christmas Visit, Money to Spare, 12-1 Bad Love (4th), 25-1 Jomy Prince. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 79p; places, 38p, 15p; dual forecast, £1.20. 2min 36.70sec. 3l, ¾l.

3.30 (3.31) FIELD MARSHAL STAKES (3-y-o: £3,716: 5f)
Manor Farm Boy, ch c, by Mansingh —Consadine (Manor Farm Dairies Haverhill Ltd), 9-10 L. Piggott 4-6 1
Chain Lady, b f, by Manacle— Lovage (L. Benison), 9-1 M. L. Thomas (85-40) 2
Askaharrow, ch f, by Laser Light —Marchpane (J. Barrow), 8-11 E. Hide (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 14p; dual forecast, 12p. 3 ran. W. O'Gorman, at Newmarket. 1½l, 12l. 1min 05.05sec.

4.0 (4.5) NAT FLATMAN STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £1,023: 1¼m)
Arapahos, ch c, by Gyr—Athene II (R. Sangster), 9-0 E. Johnson (11-8 fav) 1
Court Leet, ch c, by Upper Case —Arbitrate (The Queen), 9-0 W. Carson (4-1) 2
Zero, ch c, by Cavo Doro—Camino Bay (Captain M. Lemos), 9-0 E. Hide (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Pargold, 9-1 Florent Salopia (4th), 12-1 Chantar, 33-1 Fatcrolio, Brenin. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 11p, 16p, 22p; dual forecast, 42p. B. Hills, at Lambourn. Nk, 15l. 2min 50.04sec.

4.30 (4.32)
W. G. Greys, gr c, by Grey Mirage —Santa Maria (D. Brown), 7-8 M. Wigham (3-1) 1
Huge-Di-Tours, b c, by African Sky—Hidden Hand (Mrs E. Palmieri), 8-12 W. Carson (5-2) 2
Harlock Cup, b f, by Sweet Revenge—Zabrodescchia (Mrs M. Clark), 9-1 E. Johnson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Inca Warrior, 7-1 Storling Lucy, 13-1 Roger Bacon (4th), 16-1 Welshaw Minnie. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 18p, 90p; dual forecast, 54p. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. 3l, 2l. 1min 21.38sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Parent and Arapahos, £25.20. TREBLE: Clois du roi, Manor Farm Boy and W. G. Greys, £106.55.

4.0 (4.2) KIOSNEUK STAKES (2-y-o: £956: 5f)
Fraserfield Boy, ch c, by Frankincense—Linzza (H. Crockall Ltd), 9-0 ...... C. Moss (100-30) 1
Palace Art F. Morby (11-10 fav) 2
My Nora ...... T. O'Ryan (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Observation Star (4th), 12-1 Cree Lad, Alright-With-Me, 14-1 Scoot, Gold Spanner, 20-1 Christophorsson. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 22p, 11p, 18p; dual forecast, M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 1½l, 5l. 1min 06.44sec.

4.30 (4.31) GARNOCK HANDICAP (£1,548: 6f)
Cry No More, b h, by Weepers Boy Batfour Lass (W. Lusty), 5-9-1 R. Marshall (5-1) 1
Messenger Boy, C. Christie (6-1) 2
Coded Scrap M. Crowther (7-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Franklyn, 12-1 Hard Hold, 16-1 Waveland (4th), Lanark Birk. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 15p, 53p; dual forecast, £1.32. W. Marshall, at Newmarket. Hd, ¾l. 1min 18.04sec.

5.0 (5.1) LADYKIRK STAKES (3-y-o: £1,410: 6f)
Sharp Lady, ch f, by Sharpen up— Va Bene (Mrs G. Simpson), 8-7 E. Apter (11-1) 1
Miss Friendly J. Bleasdale (10-1) 2
Persepolis F. Morby (1-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Forest Walk, 50-1 Mac's Imperial (4th), 33-1 Eagleaham. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.10; places, 37p, £1.04; dual forecast, £3.07. J. Berry, at Lancaster. Hd, 3l. 1min 19.63sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Villa Mill, Cry No More, 9.40. TREBLE: Mountain Hays, *Fraserfield Boy, Sharp Lady*, 14.60.

Ayr

2.30 (2.33) RAVERSPARK HANDICAP (£889: 1m)
Lord Of Hosts, ch c, by Jimmy Reppin—Eureka (Mrs M. O'Shea), 4-9-3 F. Morby (11-2) 1
Nippy North .. S. Webster (9-1) 2
Gold Loom ...... E. Apter (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Huntercombe Lad, 6-1 MBBd (disq), 8-1 Forlorn Cloud (4th), 12-1 Grand Attraction, Likely Boy, 20-1 Just Tempest, Pre Catalan, 33-1 Palace Prince, Petties Lane, Golden Ension. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 62p; places, 16p, 23p, 31p; *dual forecast*, £4.22. *C. James*, at Newbury. Nk, 1l. 1min 54sec. MBBd who came in second, was disqualified after a stewards' inquiry.

3.0 (3.6) GREENAN STAKES (3-y-o: £943: 1m 3f)
Mountain Hays, b c, by Will Hays— Mountain Lark (J. Hepburn), 9-0 ...... J. Seagrave (3-1) 1
Shipowner .. L. Charnock (10-1) 2
Our Day Out .... E. Apter (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Larryr, 7-1 Blood Orange (4th), 10-1 Spate, 33-1 Royal Deal. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 23p, 21p; dual forecast, £1.15. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 5l, 13l. 2min 40.49sec.

3.30 (3.33) AYR SPRING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,886: 1½m)
Villa Mill, b c, by Porto Bello— Amante (C. Newton Jr. Ltd), 7-13 .. C. Eccleston (7-4 fav) 1
Cutting Comment S. Webster (5-2) 2
Negligence .. L. Charnock (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Alaskan Prince, 11-1 Cross Channel (4th), 25-1 Go-Getter. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 14p, 11p; dual forecast, 31p. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. 5l, 3l. 2min 26.84sec.

Sandown Park NH

2.15: 1, Paradise Flight (5-1); 2, Prosen (14-1); 3, Tully Town (14-1). Monksgrange and Spartan Tudor 9-2 jt favs. 12 ran.

2.45: 1, Trio J (13-8 fav); 2, Tudor Prospect (12-1); 3, Duc de Bolebec (6-1). 14 ran. Snow Flyer and The Steben did not run.

3.20: 1, Scroggy (11-2); 2, Brown Jock (10-1); 3, Hard Outlook (4-1 fav). 11 ran.

3.50: 1, Ten Up (5-4 fav); 2, Black Outlook (4-1); 3, Neat Parry (4-1). 7 ran. Bracken Bank did not run.

4.20: 1, Rajmatal (6-1); 2, Desert Wind (7-2); 3, Gathering Storm (7-4 fav). 6 ran.

4.50: 1, Cloamelion (100-30); 2, Midday Welcome (11-4 fav); 3, Sailmaker (7-1). 10 ran. Moonhollow did not run.

British nationality: why can't a woman be more like a man?

The Equal Opportunities Commission has been watching with interest the recent public debate over the rights of "immigrant" British citizens to bring their spouses or fiancés into the country.

This issue may not appear superficially to be so much a matter of sex discrimination for the EOC, as one of race discrimination for the Commission for Racial Equality. Nevertheless, the debate on immigration control quickly focussed on the "spouses and fiancés" issue, with small public recognition to date of the retrogressive element of sex discrimination against women involved in some of the suggested changes.

When *The Times*, in a leading article on February 1 this year, said:

"It is a mistake to allow engaged girls the right to bring their fiancés into this country because, given the custom of the arranged marriage among the Asian communities, that provides a natural way for the law to be avoided", the statement passed almost without comment. Yet it is a fact that the arranged marriage is as much arranged for the bride as it is for the bridegroom—so if it comes to that, why only fiancés?

The answer is, of course, that the right of British men to bring their wives and, by extension, their fiancés, into Britain is enshrined in British nationality law, while the present right of British women to bring in their husbands or fiancés arises from Home Office immigration rules introduced as recently as 1974.

The Commission has, therefore, looked with special care at what the report of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, just published, has to say on these topics. On fiancées and fiancés, it recommends that both should be subject to the same provisions and procedures, but with a generally low priority within a target figure (not to be called a "quota") for admission from the Indian sub-continent.

The strongly-held view of some members of the committee is that a quota for admission of male fiancés only "could not avoid being discriminatory", though we are left to guess precisely on what grounds.

On the relative rights of husbands and wives, however, we can draw little comfort. The select committee has called for an early report from the Home Office on the effect of the 1974 immigration rules, subject to which they make no immediate recommendations about husbands. Nevertheless, the omission of the word "wives" from paragraph 166 of the report is, particularly, significant.

There the committee tells us that "the category of husbands, fiancés and fiancées has troubled us more than any other category". Does the inclusion here of husbands and the omission of wives, assume on their part that a vital difference of treatment between husbands and wives is acceptable—not simply until our nationality law can be amended and brought up to date but also, presumably, in principle?

This will be deeply disheartening to many British women who are married to foreign nationals and can see no reason why they should not have an equal right with British men to make their homes in Britain, if that is what they and their husbands choose.

Women and men British citizens have in fact been treated very differently by our nationality law and, largely as a result, by our law on immigration. At present, a child born abroad to a British woman and a father of foreign nationality has no right to British nationality by descent through the mother. A British citizen has an automatic right to take her husband's nationality; in the reverse situation, if the husband of a British citizen wants to take British nationality, he must do so by the lengthy process of naturalization (or registration if he is a Commonwealth citizen).

It was no doubt in anticipation of the introduction of the Sex Discrimination Act, and in response to considerable public pressure at the time, that the Government introduced in 1974 the present rules permitting the entry of fiancés and husbands, whether of arranged marriages or not.

Having passed the Sex Discrimination Act, however, and set up the Equal Opportunities Commission to work towards the elimination of sex discrimination between men and women generally, it would be both retrograde and inconsistent, as the select committee appears for the moment to have agreed, for Parliament now to do a U-turn in the matter of fiancés. The committee, however, has stopped short of tackling the inequality between husbands and wives—no doubt on the grounds that it was dealing with immigration, not nationality law. In fact the two are inseparable.

The Government's Green Paper, British Nationality Law, (HMSO, Cmnd. 6795), published in April 1977, suggested a number of reforms, almost all of which would be entirely free of sex discrimination. The select committee has now recommended early publication of a Government White Paper with specific proposals. The commission can only hope that all political parties will in fact appreciate that the need is, not for partial and makeshift measures to control immigration by even more systematized administrative delay for certain categories of people, but for early amending legislation to sort out our nationality law, and so our immigration law, as a whole.

It is sometimes hard for people to understand that the law on citizenship and nationality does not fall within the scope of the Sex Discrimination Act. They believe that, now there is such an Act, such matters should logically have been brought in line. The complaints received by the commission are therefore eloquent and bitter—like the letter from the British wife of a foreign national, living abroad, who offered to write in protest to each and every MP because, as she put it: "My passport states that I have no children—and I am the mother of three!"

Surviving inequalities in this area do in fact give rise to extreme individual distress and hardship. The commission has repeatedly expressed its concern to the Government and the Home Office. What counts in the end, however, is the readiness of Parliament to face up in this area also to the full logical implications of the principle of equal treatment for the sexes, which it set up the EOC to promote. Other legislatures have done it; so, we believe, should ours.

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The extraordinary last moments in Saigon when the CIA left its friends behind

America's great betrayal in Vietnam



The smell of defeat: mobs of Vietnamese scramble over the wall of the United States embassy in Saigon trying to reach the last helicopters flying out.

The 50-day campaign which destroyed South Vietnam three years ago was one of the most rapid and complete in recent history. It was like the defeat of France in 1940: A stunning initial defeat was followed by the unravelling of the whole country.

The first communist attack was on Ban Me Thuot, in the highlands, on March 10. On April 30, the Red Flag was hoisted above the Presidential Palace in Saigon.

It was the most comprehensive political and military defeat the United States has ever suffered. The last ambassador to South Vietnam escaped from the roof of his embassy, by helicopter. Fifty-five thousand Americans were killed in Vietnam, untold billions were spent and American domestic and foreign politics are still recovering from the failure of 20 years of effort.

Frank Snepp was a senior official with the Central Intelligence Agency in Vietnam. He escaped on one of the last helicopters, and could see the headlights of thousands of communist lorries and tanks heading into the city as he flew to safety.

One of his last tasks, a week before the end, was to drive Nguyen Van Thieu, who had just resigned as President, to the airport and exile. He had a great deal of very heavy luggage and the car reeked of whisky.

The CIA's other friends were not always so lucky. Mr Snepp writes: "The full impact of CIA losses and failures in Vietnam will probably never be known. There are too many unanswered questions. But based on what can be ascertained, it is not too much to say that in terms of squandered lives, blown secrets and the betrayal of agents, friends and collaborators, our handling of the evacuation was an institutional disgrace. Not since the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 had the agency put so much on the line and lost it through stupidity and mismanagement."

He says that in the last days, about 537 of the agency's 1,900 "indigenous" employees in Saigon were rescued. A much lower proportion was rescued from other parts of the country.

Others left behind were the agents of "Operation *Phoenix*", men trained and led by the Americans to fight the communists with their own weapons in the dark of the countryside, and hundreds of communist defectors who had betrayed their former comrades. In many places, the CIA left their files for the communists to find when they reached Saigon.

Senior officials of the governments, army and police, whose lives were in danger from the victors, were also left behind, but Mr Snepp was particularly concerned with those who had helped the Americans directly.

It is perfectly true that history is cruel to losers, but it is no consolation that nearly 150,000 Indochinese escaped. Most of them were in no danger and simply took up space needed for those who were.

Mr Snepp admits to a personal quandray: his Vietnamese girl friend, who was in no danger at all, was hysterical with fear, and so he got her out. One CIA officer, who had left Vietnam before the collapse, went back to get his girl friend, much to the indignation of his wife when he brought her back to Washington.

Mr Snepp's account of the fall of Vietnam and Cambodia is helped by the memoirs of the Vietnamese general in command of the operation in the South, General Van Tien Dung, which give a detailed account of the offensive as seen from the other side of the hill.

Dung's victory was an improvised one. The communists wanted to set the scene in 1975 for a major offensive in 1976, or later. The South Vietnamese collapsed so completely, however, that the communists quickly changed their plans into an all-out attack on Saigon.

Mr Snepp does not add a great deal to our knowledge of why the communists won in their 30-year war, and the anti-communists lost. There was certainly corruption in South Vietnam, and governmental instability. President Thieu left incompetent generals in command because he could rely on their loyalty.

He proved a bad strategist himself. He decided abruptly to adopt a policy of "light on the top and heavy at the bottom" abandoning the Highlands and the north of the country, in an attempt to save the rest, without making any allowance for the old military truism that retreat is far more difficult operation than an advance, can easily turn into a rout.

American domestic concern the victory of the anti-war movement and Watergate played a considerable part. The first communist attack was against a minor provincial capital in the mountains, Phuoc Binh, in January. The South Vietnamese, North and South, waited to see if the Americans would return, and when the Americans remained passive both sides drew the appropriate and correct conclusion.

It is curious, reading Mr Snepp, to discover that the Americans failed to get the point. It is depressing to read Mr Snepp's account of the discussions in the Saigon embassy between the CIA as well as among the diplomats. The ambassador, Mr Graham Martin, was the worst offender.

He failed to see the seriousness of the communist attack until well into April, he continued to believe in the possibility of a negotiated settlement until 24 hours before the evacuation, and his misinformation misled Washington too.

He refused to permit the evacuation to be started until too late, on the grounds that it was for the Americans to pull out, taking their friends and dependants with them, and to cause panic and precipitate a defeat which he believed could still be avoided.

When he did agree, it was too late to save everybody, even most of those who could have been saved. The Vietnamese had to be bribed to get their compatriots into the airport (ex-President Thieu managed to hide out of sight, Mr Snepp drove him past the guards). At the very end Martin played a heroic part in keeping the evacuation going despite direct orders from Washington to pull out, in vain attempt to get his friends out.

Patrick Brogan

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Bernard Levin

Russia's jailers prepare to close the exits, once and for all

The case of Anatoly Sharansky, who has been held incommunicado in Lefortovo Prison, Moscow, for over a year, is a specially instructive one. It is likely, for instance, that he will soon be put on trial or confined by administrative order to a mental hospital: either course would be an indication of returning Soviet confidence after what they must have seen as the very satisfactory end of the Belgrade conference, at which the delegates of the West altogether abandoned their original intention of insisting on some mention of human rights in the final communiqué. Moreover, Sharansky has been held without trial for an exceptionally long time; it is likely that this reflects both the Soviet authorities' earlier reluctance to run the risk that the West might have honoured its promises at Belgrade and a later difficulty (of the kind they encountered in the case of Dr Stern) in finding enough credible "witnesses" to speak the lines provided for them at a trial.

But more than this, it seems all too likely that the treatment of Sharansky demonstrates a decision to crush the emigrant movement once and for all (the parallel case of Orlov suggests the same intention towards the civil rights movement). For the news from Moscow is that if Sharansky is brought to trial it will be on a charge of treason. This is a capital charge; even more significantly, it will be the first such accusation since the two streams of freedom—emigration and civil rights—finally came to the surface in the Soviet Union and began to flow where the world could see them. (There is now a third stream, of course, in the campaign for workers' rights and the establishment of trades unions, which may yet prove the most powerful of all.)

Sharansky is a 30-year-old mathematician; his special field is large computer systems. He has never had access to any military or other secret information; indeed, he declined the offer of a post which might have involved him in security-sensitive work. (His graduate disserration was entitled "Working Out the Composition of the Programmes of Solution of Chess Endgames by computers as Examples of Decision-making in Situations of Conflict".) He worked, as a computer programmer, at the Moscow Research Institute for Oil and Gas; no secret work is done there.

In 1973 he took the step, and began the course of conduct, for which he was eventually arrested. In that year he applied for an exit-visa. Such an action is not, of course, a crime against Soviet law, but it is invariably treated as such, and Sharansky was subjected to the standard procedures of harassment and victimization. (He served no fewer than 12 prison sentences before his final arrest and incarceration.)

Sharansky, apart from his own application to leave the Soviet union, became active in defence of others who wished to leave; he also represented the persecuted Soviet Jews on the Helsinki Monitoring Committee. In July, 1974, he was married in Moscow to Natalia Shtiglitz. She was told by the KGB that if she left immediately her husband would be permitted to follow her within six months, and that if she did *not* leave immediately she would never be allowed to leave at all. She left; and she *has* thus not seen her husband since the morrow of their wedding day.

At some moment between July, 1974, and the end of 1976 the Soviet authorities decided to use Sharansky (the precise methods were clearly not determined, and may still not have been) as an example to terrorize the whole emigrant movement, preparatory to crushing it. A film was therefore made, and shown on television under the title of *Traders in Souls* in January 1977, in which Sharansky was denounced as a traitor for his efforts on behalf of those who wished to exercise their legal right to leave the country.

Early in March, 1977, an article appeared in *Izvestia* to which the name of S. Lipavsky was put as author by those who wrote it. (Lipavsky had himself applied for an exit-visa earlier; it is not clear whether he was a KGB agent from the start or whether he was persuaded by threats or inducements to turn his coat.) The article alleged that Sharansky had been engaged in espionage activities on behalf of the USA. (Lipavsky repeated the charge at a press conference on May 7.) The charge is obviously absurd, for one good reason; since his first application to leave, Sharansky had been under continuous surveillance by the KGB. Everything he did (including, of course, the details of his correspondence and telephone-calls) was known, and he lived in constant awareness of the fact. He could not have met, or had any form of communication with, anybody at all without the KGB knowing; and he knew this.

On March 19, 1977, Sharansky was arrested. His parents and brother, who are all still in the Soviet Union, have had all requests to be allowed to visit him refused. No letters or messages are allowed to or from him. His family's choice of a lawyer for him was refused; eventually it was made clear to them that no lawyer would be allowed to act for him unless he pleaded guilty. (No charges had—or have—been made against him; it was therefore not even clear what he was expected to admit, and it still isn't.)

A few weeks ago a woman lawyer was appointed to "represent" Sharansky. It is unlikely that she will do or say anything in the course of any legal proceedings, other than what she is told to say by the authorities. Her job is not to defend him, but to play her part in his prearranged conviction, though she may be given a plea in mitigation to deliver.

The belief that Sharansky may be charged with treason is based on a number of hints dropped by various Soviet officials. The head of the investigation department at the prison in which he is held (a man called Volodin) told his mother "Your son has committed a dangerous crime against the State"; another official, apparently of a higher rank, named Yelukhin, went further, writing in a letter to Sharansky's mother that her son was "being investigated on charges of treason". In addition, a journalist, Victor Vladimirov, was used to broadcast (on one of Moscow Radio's English-language transmissions) a statement to the effect that Sharansky is "a traitor to his motherland" and "will be punished with all the strictures of Sovier law".

That the emigrant movement is convinced that Sharansky is to be used as a weapon to crush them altogether may be seen from the unprecedented number of statements of support that have been issued by "refuseniks" all over the Soviet Union, and by those who had managed to emigrate earlier. All pay tribute to the efforts to help others in the vast prison that is the country; many stress the absurdity of the accusation of spying. As one says:

> Imagine a man who followed constantly by agents who listen to his conversations, who associates with people in the same condition as himself, imagine someone like that engaging in espionage. Ordinary Russian people, activists ... as for Sharansky, they're terrified to greet them in the street.

But of course, the absurdity of the charges against them is the point of persecution in totalitarian countries is never a reason for not bringing them, and in the case of Anatoly Sharansky may be the fact that his trial any day now. It is to be hoped is a widespread chorus of protest outside, and that the campaign has been in operation for some time. Nothing can be assumed that it will bear fruit; similar campaigns have saved Bukovsky, Stern, Kuznetsov and the Panovs, to say nothing of Solzhenitsyn and Sakharov, and may yet save Sharansky. Certainly nothing else will.

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Did Jesus die upon the cross?

A crusade for the truth

CHRISTIANS hold that Jesus died upon the Cross. Jesus then ascended into Heaven, they say. Most Muslims disagree. Jesus was never put upon the Cross but was lifted bodily into Heaven by God, they say.

The evangelical Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam states that both these theories are wrong. God Almighty planned differently, for the work of Jesus was not yet completed. Jesus was alive when taken down from the Cross, though his breathing had stopped temporarily. He recovered from his wounds, left Judea in search of the lost tribes of Israel and so journeyed to India. He lived to a great age and is buried in Kashmir, where his tomb is revered.

The identification of the tomb and the careful piecing together of the overwhelming evidence was done by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (1835-1908).

The Ahmadiyya Movement is organising an international conference about the deliverance of Jesus from the Cross as part of a world crusade to bring the truth to all people. It will be held in London on June 2, 3 and 4.

Orientalists, archaeologists, research scholars on the Holy Shroud of Turin and historians of repute will address the conference. The Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, will be coming to Britain and will honour the conference by his presence.



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad: carried out the identification of the tomb.

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Ideological food and drink for students

The theme of food bulks quite large at this year's National Union of Students' conference at Blackpool, and by that I do not mean the generous breakfasts served by the resort's landladies.

Delegates at the Winter Gardens are confronted by a poster bearing the stark message "Don't buy Chilean onions". As the poster is distributed by representatives of the left, I can conclude only that the vegetables offend ideologically rather than gastronomically.

On their stall in the foyer, the Union of Jewish Students are selling Jaffa oranges for eightpence each. The ideological message there is clear enough, although when asked why the fruit was being sold, a colleague tells me he was informed "There's no particular reason. People may be thirsty".

A group of Middle East students opposite are obviously not trying to compete. They could offer no edible delights only a copy of a booklet on the Iranian working class which my colleague politely declined.

In keeping with the gastronomic element in the conference, the main challenge to the established political groups in yesterday's election for union posts came from the Epicurean Movement and the Cocktail Party.

Although they produce by far the most literate manifesto cutting the thoughts of their founder, the Epicureans—all of whom come from Bristol University—were unable to secure any seats on the NUS executive.

The Cocktail Party candidate, Tim Hamlah, who comes from the City of London Polytechnic, fared no better in the presidential election although he delighted delegates by promising to extend the NUS's campaigns to nursery schools and by proclaiming: "Our destiny must be to go to the barricades—with guns, if necessary."



A fanfare for feminism

A word of warning for fathers of young daughters, uncles of young nieces, brothers of young sisters. From this week, you may detect ominous changes in their attitude to you.

If you do, the reason could be that they have got their hands on one—or all three—of some children's books just published by the Writers and Readers Publishing Cooperative. Dip where you will into these pages, the message is the same: all men are reactionary and bad, all women are progressive and good. There are no exceptions.

In *The Five Wives of Silverbeard*, a dim-witted maharajah is frustrated by his spouses' assertion of their individuality and flees into exile. In *Of Cannons and Caterpillars*, war-loving males are eclipsed by peace-loving females. In *The Breadtime Story*, Big Business—symbolized by sandwich-gorging men—is cut down to size by the women who once slaved over their sandwiches.

I am a tyro when it comes to child psychology. But I would have thought this new fantasy world, where all males are sexually chauvinist, stupid and bellicose is just as suspect as the old fantasy world where all females were either wicked stepmothers, witches or Goody Two Shoes.

The publishing cooperative is not entirely fantasy orientated. Soon it will produce a comic strip treatment of Ibsen's *A Doll's House*. The speech "balloons" or captions should be worth waiting for.

Percival Gull may fly again



Percival Gull Six, in which Jean Batten (seen here with the monoplane) established many ecords in the 1930s, could soon be flying out of aviation history and back into the skies it once graced.

It was grounded in 1969, and an £8,000 appeal to restore it is being launched by the Shuttleworth Collection of historic aircraft which exhibits the Gull at the Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

Like many old-timers, the Gull is having trouble with its joints, and the money is needed to strip its fabric cover and plywood structure and make it airworthy again.

The appeal launching marks the Shuttleworth Collection's fiftieth anniversary. It is hoped the occasion will tempt Miss Batten to make one of her rare visits from her home in Tenerife.

In 1935 the New Zealand-born Miss Batten, now 68, became the first woman to fly the south Atlantic. In later years, she flew from England to Australia, in five days 21 hours—a solo flight record. She continued to New Zealand in her beloved Gull to complete the first-ever solo flight from England.

At the outbreak of war, the RAF used the Gull for communications duties. In 1946 it was returned to the makers, Hunting Aircraft, who in 1961 handed it over to the Shuttleworth Collection.

Strictly limit edition

Recent improvements economy do not yet a *have benefited the p* world—if Macmillan is to go by. Yesterday, Macmillan's illustrious ing house played hos Bird Photograph of Award, organized by *Birds* magazine, its publication.

Seven "prizewinner introduced but I detect rain resentment among cause no prizes were awarded to any but th Joyce Grenfell, w bird-watcher and h authoress, livened t with imitations of a cu (she told me) an Afri dove.

But the only pri Peter Lowes, a TV manager from North north Yorkshire, app enter into the spirit only after he had re £100 cheque from he photograph of a sper

As if it were incur him to return Macm favour, he presented prised Miss Grenfell signed copy of James book, *All Creatures G Small*.

I was not dragged, but went willingly, to the Tower of London yesterday. It was to hear about a novocentennial production of Yeomen of the Guard—at least that is how the PR men represented the occasion to me. But, as any good Savoyard will know, the opera is only 98 years old, so the novocentenary is to do with the Tower, not with G & S. The al fresco production, to be staged in the moat, will run for four weeks from July 17. Tommy Steele will play Jack Point and the Beefeater gin people will sponsor the event—which seems only right and proper.

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Tourism in Britain

a Special Report on its role as a service industry and as a vital generator of invisible earnings



Appeals to more than fair weather friends

by Sir Henry Marking

In 1959 more than one million visitors came to Britain and spent a total of £160m in the country and on fares to British air and shipping lines. This was the beginning of an awareness that tourism really could become an important earner of foreign currency.

Nearly two decades later, in a year when we look forward to more than 12 million visitors from abroad and to tourist earnings of well over £3,000m (the equivalent of nearly £10m a day, every day of the year) tourism now rightly has its place as a leading export trade.

One of the fastest-growing earners of foreign currency for Britain, it accounts for 18 per cent of invisible exports and 6 per cent of total exports, which is more than the overseas sales of passenger cars and of whisky and gin or the shipbuilding and aircraft industries combined

Britain's tourist earnings percolate throughout the country, bringing new prosperity and trade to all regions, but most important to the remoter areas. The foreign currency spent by tourists ends up as sterling paid to British companies, big and small, which provide services for visitors.

It also provides some 1,750,000 jobs spread throughout the country and dependent on tourism. Tourist spending conserves the heritage and supports amenities such as the theatre, the arts and sporting events, so making Britain not only a better place to visit but also a better place in which to live.

Why does Britain attract so many visitors and why do we expect to continue to do well against increasing international competition? I think part of the answer lies in the fact that we have always marketed a genuine year-round product that can be matched by no other international tourist nation.

Many of our competitors sell only sea, sand and sun, competing one against the other to offer basically similar holidays over a fairly short season, but what Britain offers and markets so successfully is a programme of year-round attractions and facilities which, for the most part, are independent of weather.

London is London at any time of the year Britain's theatres, its shops, its museums, art galleries and many other visitor attractions are, if anything, better in winter than in summer. Unlike Mediterranean beaches, our historic buildings, ancient towns and countryside retain much of their splendour through the darkest winter months.

All this has enabled the British Tourist Authority to devote much of its promotion in recent years to the advantages, financially and socially, of off-peak travel to Britain. The success of these efforts is illustrated by the fact that January this year attracted as many overseas visitors as June 10 years ago.

Of course, we still have the problem of peak-season congestion in London, but determined and imaginative promotion throughout the world is having its effect. Today it is the traditionally off-peak months which are registering the biggest increases in tourist arrivals and more and more visitors are being persuaded to explore other parts of Britain. Already more than

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Big money-spinner is often undervalued

by Patricia Tisdall

Tourism in Britain is a large, if frequently undervalued, industry. It is important not only in terms of its contribution to foreign currency earnings and employment. But despite what its critics say it can also improve the quality of life for residents. Moreover, given skilful management, it is one of the few industries whose future growth can be assured irrespective of the state of the national economy.

Revenue from foreign visitors to Britain has risen sharply in the past three years from £1,123m (excluding sea and air fares) to an estimated £2,200m last year. It is probably, next to financial services and shipping, the third biggest invisible export and ranks in sixth place in the all-exports league table.

The growth in this sector, coinciding with a simultaneous decline in visits abroad by British residents, has meant that tourism has given a significant boost to the nation's balance of payments. Spending by incoming visitors outweighed that of British residents abroad by more than £1,000m last year, and in 1976 there was a surplus of £620m.

A great many sections of the community gain from tourist spending. There are fundamental differences between Britain's tourist trade and that of Spain or other resort countries where a sunny climate is the main attraction. Tourists come to Britain to look at historic buildings, visit theatres, shop and for a wide variety of other reasons which involve movement and activity.

The diversity of tourist activity is reflected in the pattern of their spending. The British Tourist Authority estimates that in 1977, apart from substantial sums devoted to accommodation and eating out, overseas visitors spent £210m on internal transport, £240m on entertainment and sightseeing and £960m on shopping and other activities. On top of this, it is thought that some £600m will have gone to British air and shipping lines on getting visitors into and out of the country.

Overseas visitors pay value-added tax, liquor, tobacco and petrol taxes in full. According to BTA figures, the national exchequer gains about £220m a year from this source. In addition, many businesses such as hotels, restaurants and theatres, which are heavily dependent on visitor revenue, contribute substantially to local government through rates.

Critics say that the boom in overseas tourism is a transient phenomenon caused by cheap sterling and a depressed domestic economy. They give warning of the dangers of becoming financially dependent on trade which could vanish overnight as Britain becomes more prosperous. Tourist authorities, however, strenuously deny that cheap sterling has been the only reason for the increase. They say that people do not travel simply for cheapness but rather for satisfaction and value for money. In any case, rapid inflation has more than cancelled out gains in currency exchange rates for many visitors, particularly Americans.

Healthier sterling will undoubtedly make it somewhat more difficult for Britain to attract overseas visitors. But the tourist authorities believe that there is an enduring market for foreigners seeking education, history, wishing to visit friends and relatives or travelling here on business.

Overseas visitors are in any case by no means the whole story. Britons are by far the most numerous users of their own holiday facilities. Against the 11,500,000 or so foreigners who came here last year, it is estimated that more than 36 million Britons made holiday trips of four nights or more in their own country. Expenditure on holidays in Britain was £1,570m.

The home tourist trade is tipped for growth as soon as there is an improvement in the general economic climate. For all the available evidence points to strong direct links between rising levels of disposable income, personal mobility and tourism. Trends to longer annual leave, a shorter working week and more public holidays have already given new potential for leisure activities.

No precise figures are available to show the extent of tourism as an employment generator. But those that are available suggest that here, as well as in its revenue capabilities, tourism is much larger than is generally realized. Furthermore, the service trades associated with tourism are reckoned to be one of the few growth areas for employment.

It is estimated that about 1,500,000 people, or 6.1 per cent of the nation's labour force, are involved with tourism. Direct employment, mostly in hotels and catering, amounts to more than one million people. Contrary to widely held beliefs, few of these are foreign nationals or employed on a seasonal basis.

In addition to these should be considered a further 500,000 whose employment is sustained partly by tourism, including those in transport, entertainment centres and provision of the arts, sports, and retail distribution.

One of the difficulties in measuring employment is the wide ranging aspects of tourism which could be considered to take in much local authority work in, for example, the provision of parks and gardens and leisure and recreation facilities generally. Tourism may also involve expenditure on roads, airports, seaports, as well as hotels and this in turn has significance to the construction trades.

One of the main criticisms of tourism in Britain is of overcrowding, particularly in London. Too many visitors can undoubtedly spoil the things they come to see and one of the main objectives of the statutory tourist boards is to prevent that. But they aim to do it by what Sir Mark Henig, chairman of the English Tourist Board, describes as "dispersal in time and space" rather than by cutting down on numbers.

London, together with what used to be described as the "blue rinse trail" to destinations such as Stratford-on-Avon, used to be the only magnets that Britain held for foreign visitors. Britons on holiday flocked to the traditional seaside resorts and to the West Country.

There are clear signs, however, that strenuous promotion abroad of alternative attractions in Britain together with an all-round improvement in amenities is starting to achieve results. Already 60 per cent of the nights spent in Britain by overseas visitors are outside London. Each year foreigners, particularly those making repeat visits, are venturing farther afield. Attempts are also being made to persuade more overseas visitors to travel out of season to relieve congestion during July and August. The proportion of arrivals during the third quarter of the year has dropped from 48 per cent in the mid-1960s to about 39 per cent.

At the same time there is evidence that, particularly for weekends and short second holidays, more Britons are starting to use some of the hotels and coach and sightseeing services established mainly for foreign tourists. Equally foreigners are starting to find their way to some seaside resorts which had hitherto been patronized exclusively by Britons.

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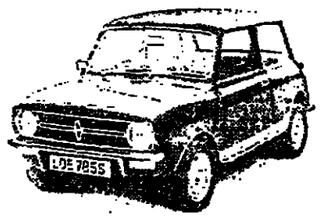
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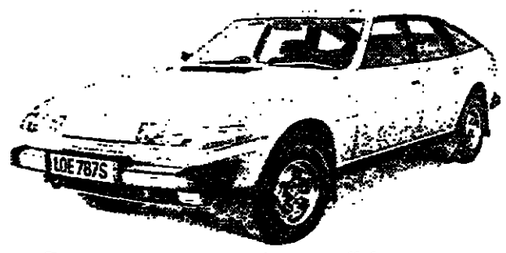
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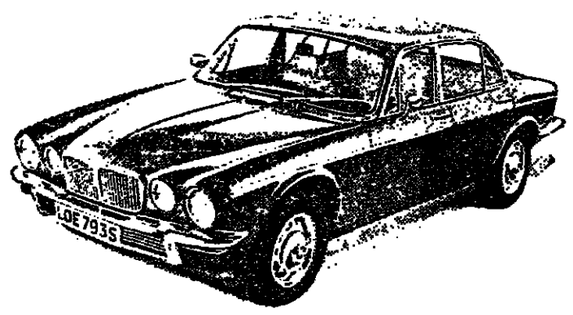
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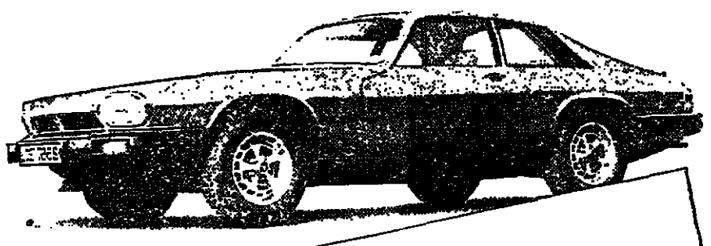
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Hoteliers knocking on doors abroad

by Miles Quest

Perhaps the most significant change in the hotel industry in the past 10 years has been the growth of the belief that selling is respectable. British hoteliers, complete with brochures and sales presentation kits, are knocking on the doors of tour operators and travel agents from Scandinavia to Spain, from America to South Africa, from Japan to Singapore.

The reason for this intense interest in attracting overseas visitors is that the British hotel industry has grown too big for a home holiday and business market that has, anyway, been depressed since the oil crisis of 1973. Its profitable survival depends on generating business from abroad on a scale that would have been unthinkable 10 years ago.

Nor does the economic structure of the industry help hoteliers to build up an effective sales effort.

The average British hotel is small—20 bedrooms if licensed and about 10 if unlicensed: fewer than 5 per cent of hotels have more than 50 rooms. The industry is still predominantly one of small units, independently owned and operated. The 30 largest companies, which include such dominating groups as Trust Houses Forte, Grand Metropolitan, Coral Leisure and the brewery hotels, account for only about a fifth of the industry's bed capacity.

While these companies will clearly grow (principally by acquisitions at home and, increasingly, overseas), the balance of ownership in the industry will not fundamentally change.

The independence of the British hotelier has its advantages and disadvantages. He knows his market well and he is able to generate customer loyalty that managers in group hotels may find difficult to develop. He is also able to keep tight control on his staff while he himself is prepared to work long and awkward hours.

But the price of independence is often a lack of sufficient financial resources. The independent operator has difficulty in raising matching capital for expansion or development.

He feels swamped by the legislation pouring from Whitehall and feels particularly threatened by capital transfer tax and other fiscal measures, not least of which is the Government's repeated refusal to extend industrial building allowances to new hotels.

Although he views enviously the sales efforts of the big hotel companies he finds it impossible to justify in financial terms the employment of a full-time salesman. Nor can he buy goods and capital equipment on the same discounted terms as the chain hotels.

These disadvantages have brought about the establishment of various marketing consortiums, in which a number of like-minded hoteliers have pooled their sales and marketing resources without sacrificing their financial and operational independence.

The two biggest, Interchange Hotels and Inter-Hotel, each comprise well over a hundred two, three and four-star independent hotels.

Prestige Hotels, as its name implies, represents more than 30 de luxe hotels, such as the Carlton Hotel, Bournemouth, and the Inn on the Park in London.

Either through the employment of full-time sales and marketing executives or, in the case of Inter-Hotel, largely by means of voluntary self-help, the consortiums have produced a wide variety of promotional packages, including go-as-you-please motoring holidays and cheap weekend breaks.

Membership fees vary, but in most cases it is cheaper and more effective for an independent hotelier to join a consortium than to employ a fulltime salesman.

In addition, both Interchange and Inter-Hotel operate purchasing schemes in which the discounts negotiated match those won by the large hotel groups and the savings made on purchases alone often cover the membership fee to the consortium.

Significantly, Interchange and Inter-Hotel are looking to the United States for more business for their members. Interchange is about to merge with Best Western Hotels, the largest United States independent hotel consortium, while Inter-Hotel already has links with another consortium, Friendship Inns of America.

The number of British people using hotels for their main holidays has not changed since 1974, while self-catering accommodation has become more popular.

The tourist boards have made strenuous efforts to promote British holidays by developing short winter holiday programmes such as the English Tourist Board's *Let's Go* brochure. This has exploited a new and growing market for hotels, but it is only this year that many hoteliers are expecting a volume increase of any significance in their home-holiday traffic.

To encourage this development, a number of hotel groups are promoting the sale of British holidays through the high street travel agent by means of a new brochure, *Holiday UK*.

It is hoped that this will be the first step in a successful long-term campaign to develop the travel agent as a medium for selling home holidays, an outlet that has largely been ignored by the hotel industry in the past.

London tells a different story from the resorts, many of which did badly last year—the number of British people taking holidays within the United Kingdom dropped by a million compared with 1976. Most hotels in London did well in jubilee year which, though not as busy as many of them expected, gave them far higher occupancy levels than in 1976.

With greater demand came higher prices and greater profitability—witness the recently announced profits of THF, Grand Metropolitan and other hotel companies.

Hoteliers in London believe they have emerged from the difficult 19[illegible] period when the oil [illegible] coincided with the [illegible] tion of 25,000 new bedr[illegible] in London (out of a tot[illegible] 80,000 throughout [illegible] United Kingdom), which [illegible] been encouraged by [illegible] Government's hotel dev[illegible] ment incentive scheme.

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A de luxe hotel [illegible] room in London is [illegible] up to £50 a night—[illegible] which indicates tha[illegible] have not only had [illegible] with inflation but ha[illegible] able to catch up on [illegible] making years on 19[illegible] taking advantage [illegible] year's strong dem[illegible] accommodation.

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But before respon[illegible] these calls for ex[illegible] London hoteliers in[illegible] ular will want to s[illegible] solution to their [illegible] problem. If the inc[illegible] the number of [illegible] visitors is maintain[illegible] room tariffs will in[illegible] rise because hotels [illegible] being built.

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The author is editor[illegible] ing Times.

Travellers' food does little credit

by Christopher Driver

First impressions count, of a country as of an individual, and not many Britons would care to have their food judged by what a tourist is likely to eat first, if he is unwise enough to arrive in Britain hungry. What Channel-crosser has not experienced the sigh of relief that accompanies the realization that it is a French ferry that awaits him, not an English one?

As for airports the hapless traveller quickly finds himself not in Britain but in a different kind of empire that one might call Forteland.

Since my own publication is sometimes accused of unreasoning prejudice against Trust Houses Forte, whose profitability regularly explains why it is able to advertise "the biggest smile in Europe", I had better cite the recent opinion of someone unconnected with *The Good Food Guide*: Gaia Servadio, who criticizes restaurants for *Harpers & Queen*: "Take Heathrow: catering in bars, buffets and restaurants is by Trust Houses Forte in Terminals 2 and 3 and by Rank Leisure in Terminal 1.

"Disgraceful as the overall service is in all three terminals, Rank rate a little higher than Trust Houses Forte. . . . One has a duty to complain about their four bars and five buffets at Heathrow, where the poor traveller is compelled to feed himself and his family on sandwiches most corner cafés would find hard to sell."

Even so, it would be unfair to rely on a single individual's opinion, did it not echo with melancholy accuracy the findings of officially commissioned and painstaking research that *The Good Food Guide*'s inspectors did for the British Airports Authority just over a decade ago. Plus ça change.

Motorway cafés, which are shared by several concessionaires, are under investigation by a governmental committee on which I was asked, but declined, to sit, for reasons touched on later. But last year, the Consumers' Association was represented on a group that was invited by Lady Birk, a junior minister in the Department of the Environment, to explore the catering in London's royal parks.

The group reported: "To a greater or lesser degree, each one of us was shocked by the lamentable standard. There is no area in which the concessionaries matched the achievement which we feel the public have a right to expect. The food is either mass-produced, or indifferently prepared or bought in packets. The standard of cleanliness ranges from the very dirty to the questionable.

"At no outlet was the menu printed in any language besides English, yet in most of the parks half the customers were foreign tourists. The prices generally are high compared with establishments providing similar food. The staff are poorly supervised and in consequence inclined to be uninterested."

Two kinds of questions arise from findings like these—which are duplicated whenever organized consumers, not just food specialists, address their minds and palates to British mass catering.

The first question is how the food and services provided might be improved, short of a cultural revolution of Chinese proportions in the standards of taste and hygiene that characterize the British mass public.

One should not overlook the cultural changes that have occurred and are occurring. We do, as a people, wash more often than we used to. "Boiled cabbage cut in sections", which T. S. Eliot once identified as an ingredient of English culture, is less often met with than it was 25 years ago. In most age groups and geographical areas, Chinese restaurants and take-aways now have more customers than fish-and-chip shops—a more ambiguous development, perhaps, but indicative of more flexibility than caterers usually assume in their customers.

Willingness to complain rigorously and on the spot is another cultural change more desired than expected. But a wide range of catering takes place in buildings and operations for which government or local authorities or nationalized industries have ultimate responsibility, and, as far as administration goes, there is much that is relevant in the recommendations that were made by Lady Birk's royal parks group: "The secretary of state should exercise his right to terminate all the present agreements. He should also ask for tenders on the basis of a straight rent, rather than the present system of seeing who will give the department the largest percentage of the profits.

"Tenderers should be asked to outline their plans in detail, and smaller companies should be encouraged. It seems to us that big concerns are unlikely to run these restaurants well. It also seems wrong that one concern should have so many of the concessions."

Exactly so. For instance, the most attractive and economical fast food to be had in London just now is not English in character, or even American, but Greek, Chinese and Indian: kebab and pitta, the shiny pork-stuffed buns you can buy in the south Soho Chinatown, the spicy Gujerati snacks that the Diwana Bhel Puri House sells near Euston.

If a multiplicity of small firms like this were offered stalls to rent at ports, airports and other public places, the happy pluralism that is now the best of British eating would be displayed to the incoming traveller at the outset of his tour. And incidentally something would have been done to restore the faith of New Commonwealth citizens in their own prospects for life in this country after their encounters with our immigration officials.

The second kind of question raised by the miserable experience that all but the most knowledgeable of this country's guests usually have of our catering again concerns public policy. But in this case it is not a matter of the actual changes needed in food, service and management, but of the way ministers and officials set about securing reforms that they will privately admit to be necessary.

Sometimes complacency goes deeper. At the time of Lady Birk's initiative in the royal parks, parts of the DOE managed to convey that this kind of thing was a distraction from the serious business of propping up castle walls and straightening out trunk roads.

But even when reforms are being sought on high, there are sensible and less sensible ways to proceed. As an example of the one, the Department of Health (when Sir Keith Joseph was minister) was properly concerned about the dismal quality and high wastage rate of the food cooked and served in many, perhaps most, British hospitals.

A long-term study of consumer reaction to the food in particular institutions was commissioned from *The Good Food Guide*, and when this kind of inquiry is married up with other relevant research, better practice can gradually be generalized throughout the system.

It is hard to feel similar confidence in Whitehall's favourite device for responding to pressure, a quick in-and-out committee manned by people who can afford not to be paid. A committee of this kind was set up last year to report on motorway cafés, after a long series of grumbles from the Consumers' Association, the AA and the public had culminated in a tiff in *The Times* between Egon Ronay and Sir Charles Forte, of which it could be observed that almost everything each said about the other was true.

There is no need for committees of this sort to tell government what it ought to know already (since everyone else does). Actual change will depend on close studies of what has been found possible in other countries, which costs time and money. It also depends on political will and the disposition to take the whole subject of food and tourism seriously. As yet, we are content to take the foreigners' money and ignore what they think.

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Talking shop in foreign tongues

by Robin Young

In the West End, Marks & Spencer's stores are now posted with warnings to pickpockets and shoplifters in French, German, Arabic and Farsi, as well as English. The notices, carefully worded after negotiations with the appropriate embassies, are one symbol of the importance foreign tourists have come to have for the West End shopkeepers.

Luckily, however, the great majority of the tourists pay for the goods they have chosen before they leave the shop. The sad parade of well-heeled wives and acquisitive students who come before the magistrates to be fined £200 or more for attempted shoplifting are symptoms of a booming trade.

Foreigners spent an estimated £750m in British shops last year. The Oxford Street Association claims that a third of that total was spent in its street alone, making foreign currency earnings in the short mile from Marble Arch to Tottenham Court Road about £250m.

At the same time cartoons have proliferated about the unlikelihood of hearing English spoken in Harrods, and the Gault-Millau guide team has suggested that the London branches of The Scotch House should be decorated "for services to France".

The recent descent of the pound promoted London to the position of the greatest tourist attraction on earth. The West End storekeepers have reacted in various ways to the increasing proportion of foreign tourists among their customers, but all have had some common problems to overcome—for example, the English inability to talk or understand other people's languages.

Now, for example, Marks & Spencer at Marble Arch has 100 staff who speak another language, each identified with badges. They can manage Turkish and Swahili, as well as the more commonly required European, middle Eastern and oriental tongues. At Simpson (Piccadilly) the staff have some similarly esoteric achievements. As well as three interpreters with five languages each, there are other staff covering 30 languages, including Ethiopian and Armenian.

Marks & Spencer, which publishes a tourist guide for distribution through travel agents, reckons that foreign visitors spend £100m in its stores each year. Simpson, which directs a quarter of its advertising at foreign customers through publications such as the *New Yorker*, says it is well pleased with the results. "We do particularly well in the tourist season."

Harrods has just been recruiting a Japanese interpreter to bring its interpreting team back up to the full complement of six, to which it was increased 18 months ago.

But otherwise, the Knightsbridge store claims, it has not taken any further steps to accommodate the increasing number of tourist customers.

Beyond translating its slogan, "Enter a different world", into several languages for advertising in London, Harrods expends minimal effort in bringing huge numbers of wealthy foreigners through its doors.

At sale time it advertises in continental newspapers, on French commercial radio, and in the Middle East. At other times its only publicity directed specifically at foreign visitors is a permanent display at Charles de Gaulle airport.

In return, the Harrods management thinks, as much as one-third of the store's sales go to foreign visitors for export—£40m last year. "Tourists do bring in quite a bit of business", Mr Robert Midgley, chairman and managing director, says, "but we do not offer them anything that we would not in any case be offering the home trade."

Harrods is not the only store content to trade largely on an established reputation. Lillywhites at Piccadilly Circus advertises in some of the magazines aimed at tourists, such as that published by American Express, occasionally in in-flight magazines, and at sale times in Belgian and French newspapers.

It also advertises on Tor Line for the Scandinavians. It professes to have been a little disappointed with the results last year: "The jubilee spending spree did not realy seem to happen. A lot of the visitors seemed to be package deal tourists, who did not bring a great deal of money with them".

And yet it sold three times as many golf clubs to foreigners as to native customers, and indeed retains 10 ranges of clubs in versions which are for export only, and not for sale within the United Kingdom.

Others have to take more trouble to fashion their wares to suit foreign customers. The wholesale clothing companies which retain showcase retailing stores along Regent Street study foreign taste, and sizings, very closely.

"It is an important part of our business to know what the Germans and French like", Aquascutum says. "More recently we have had to introduce special sizes in ready-to-wear to suit Japanese customers."

Perhaps the store which works hardest for foreign customers is Selfridges. Like Marks & Spencer at Marble Arch, it has a bureau de change, open six days a week. To that it adds, on the ground floor, a London Tourist Board information centre, with representation from the British Tourist Authority in season.

Last year it spent £200,000 on promotions, largely aimed at the tourists, £150,000 of it on direct overseas advertising, in in-flight and hotel magazines, in newspapers in the Middle East and Europe, and on Radio Monte Carlo beamed to the Middle East.

Alone among the stores, Selfridges stages large exhibitions designed to appeal particularly to the tourist market.

This year it will have a Tower of London exhibition, complete with replica jewels, and displays featuring 19 stately homes which belonged to families connected with the Tower. Valuable antiques and artefacts are being borrowed from the stately homes' collections for the occasion, which reflects the store's confidence that expenditure on the tourist market reaps dividends. "We had a very good tourist season in jubilee year", the store's management said, "well up on previous years."

A similarly aggressive approach is adopted by Burberrys, whose recent promotions have included the provision of a vintage bus service for sightseers. The chairman, Mr John Cohen, says that 95 per cent of his company's promotional expenditure is aimed at the foreign buyer. "And 75 to 80 per cent of the merchandise is designed specifically for tourists".

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Since uncertainty over the Channel Tunnel was removed new ferry routes have proliferated along the south and east coasts, and there are now nearly 50 around the British coast to Europe, Ireland, and Scandinavia. They range from a 30-minute crossing to France by Hovercraft to 36 hours by steamer ferry to Sweden or Spain.

Many ferry companies offer inclusive tours, ranging from Townsend Thoresen's quick shopping ships across the channel to places like London and Canterbury for as little as £12-£13 a head, to Brittany Ferries' 13-day hotel and coach tour of England and Scotland from Roscoff at about £300 each.

For the rail traveller Britain still offers riches appropriate to the country that gave railways to the world. Although reduced by a third since the war, with 12,000 miles British Rail still operates one of the world's densest rail networks of Inter-City trains whose combination of speed and frequency is probably unrivalled anywhere.

More than 20,000 passenger trains are operated each day, at average fares of about 3p a mile and average speeds of 75-90mph rising to 125mph on the latest highspeed routes from London to Bristol and South Wales, and from London to York and Edinburgh. Between most main cities there is an hourly service or better, with London to Birmingham trains running every 30 minutes.

Overseas tourists have become a very important part of British Rail's passenger business in recent years, with revenue now running at more than £20m a year and special marketing efforts being launched to increase it further.

The best-known is the Britrail Pass, giving unlimited travel over the network for periods of from a week to a month. At £32 for a week and £75 for a month these passes—obtainable only overseas—offer remarkably good value compared with ordinary fares for anyone travelling around the country extensively.

A number of rail-based tours are also offered, ranging from the short three to four-day breaks in British Transport and other hotels, to the Golden Rail holidays of a week or more including rail travel and hotel accommodation in 40 resorts. A typical price would be about £60 for a week's holiday in York starting from London.

There are also Britain-shrinkers, offering day trips from London by rail.

British Rail is making special efforts to serve the huge numbers of foreign tourists who arrive in Britain by air. Though the main London airport at Heathrow is not directly served by the railway, there are frequent coach services from the airport centre to Reading, for Wales and the West Country; and Watford, for Scotland and the North. The London Transport Piccadilly Line connects with King's Cross and St Pancras, for the Midlands and North, and, via other Underground lines to Victoria for the South-east, and Liverpool Street, for East Anglia.

From Gatwick there are eight trains an hour to central London, and direct services are being opened up from the airport to various resorts along the south coast.

There remain roads, of which, with more than 200,000 miles in so small a country, Britain again possesses one of the world's densest networks.

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The proportion of Continental visitors to Britain has risen sharply since entry to the EEC. The number of ferry routes has expanded to meet demand, including this Hoverlloyd service which operates from Ramsgate to Calais.



Throttling back on cheap flights

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ver been cheaper to Britain as a air. Airlines based ountry and those ed are engaged in competition to lowest fares, but Government sees ce the danger of disaster for the weaker com- this reason that ment has urged ake should be he trend towards evel, particularly North Atlantic, nths of a year on of the Laker London-New York be analysed.

Early results indicated that although the number of people travelling on Skytrain and other cheap flights went up by 15 per cent compared with a year earlier, revenue rose by only 3 per cent.

The American aviation authorities have vehemently opposed such caution, adopting the view that the airlines should be allowed to drop their prices as low as possible—and if any of them go bankrupt, that is the aviation industry's affair.

This wrangle is likely to go on between the British and United States governments for the rest of the year, but in the meantime there are many air-fare bargains to be had which will result in the incoming jumbo jets being filled to capacity this summer.

Mr F. A. Laker, chairman of Laker Airways, has proved to be the cheap-fare catalyst on the North Atlantic routes. The major International Air Transport Association airlines reacted to his Skytrain with standby fares of their own which means that it is now possible to cross the Atlantic and return for about £150. "Instant purchase".

On both Skytrain and Iata airlines standby tickets are available only on the day of the flight and it will be almost certain that at some peak periods during the coming summer all those who want to fly will not be accommodated.

Potential travellers who are able to plan their trips well in advance can eradicate this uncertainty by booking a "budget" fare with the Iata airlines at about the same price as an instant purchase ticket.

The cheapest way to cross the Atlantic by air this summer will be by one of the advance booking charter (ABC) flights promoted by such companies at Jetsave. The booking period is 30 days and, by waiting until within 48 hours of bookings closing, it is possible to take advantage of what Jetsave call a "latesave" ticket for only £176 between San Francisco or Los Angeles and London.

Chicago costs £135 return, Boston £119 return and New York £95 return under this scheme.

British Caledonian has proposed to the aviation authorities in Britain and the United States that it should be allowed to charge a range of six different fares on the Los Angeles-London route, for which it already holds a licence. The cheapest single fare in their package would be £69, but to take advantage of this remarkably low price it would be necessary to wait until one hour before the actual departure of the flight before knowing whether there was a seat available.

Although future legislation on airline operations across the North Atlantic is still being hammered out, there are short-term bargains in immediate view for the traveller.

That the airlines will be able to cope with this traffic there is little doubt, for they over-ordered fleets of jumbos five years ago and the excess capacity is now coming into its own. To make even more room, there is a strong trend towards replacing the eight and nine-abreast seat rows with 10-abreast so that the 500-seater jumbo may soon become a regular feature on the North Atlantic air routes.

But if carrying the growing numbers of passengers presents no great problem, dealing with them smoothly at the airport of arrival in Britain does—as anybody who has disembarked from an overnight flight at Heathrow airport in the peak summer months will know.

Heathrow is expected to receive some 27 million passengers this year, which will be some 10 per cent up on the previous annual figure. The British Airports Authority has now done just about all it can do to smooth the path of the incoming passenger through this congested maze, and the extensive building works which have been going on almost nonstop since the airport was completed soon after the Second World War should be finished soon.

The opening of the connecting link with the London Underground system should ease the flow of traffic, but there could still be moments this summer when the airport almost comes to a halt as the flow of tourist traffic chokes it.

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Appeals to more than fair weather friends

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50 per cent of nights spent in Britain by overseas visitors are spent outside London.

Who are the people who come to Britain in greater numbers each year? Broadly speaking, the world is divided into a number of very different markets for travel to Britain.

We have, for example, the long-haul, English-speaking market, which includes North America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. A common language and strong ethnic ties make Britain the most popular destination in Europe for travellers from these countries. They want to see for themselves places they have heard about, have read about and probably been taught about in school.

With no language problems they find travelling around the country fairly easy. They do not concentrate their time in London but hire cars or take coach trips and tour extensively throughout the country.

Our other long-distance market is the non-English speaking countries—for example, Japan, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil. Travellers from these lands tend to concentrate their visits much more on London. It is London which attracts them to Britain.

For those not fluent in English travelling around the country can present problems. However, in recent years we have become more and more successful in promoting package tours to other parts of Britain, to Scotland in particular.

Europe is numerically the most important market for travel to Britain and this, in turn, is divided into three very different market groups: Scandinavia, northern Europe, and southern Europe.

The Scandinavians, as a group, are more knowledgeable about Britain and its various regions than other Europeans. They show a keen interest in visiting Scotland, Wales and Southern England. Most of them speak English, often extremely well, and find it easy to travel through the country making contact with the people.

Northern Europe presents a different picture. Northern Europeans who visit Britain do so because they have a keen interest in our history and culture, because they want to learn or improve their English, because they are interested in seeing a country which has a rather different way of life. Scotland is an attraction for the French and Germans; Wales has a special attraction for the Dutch.

For visitors from southern Europe the main attraction is still London. They see the capital as being an exciting, lively, cosmopolitan city, a trend setter offering an enormous variety of activities. For them it is pre-eminent among European capitals. But, again, we are having increasing success in persuading more of these visitors, especially those on repeat trips, to travel farther afield to other parts of Britain.

A new and profitable market for travel to Britain in recent years has been the Middle East. We now receive some 300,000 Middle Eastern visitors annually. Although still fairly small in numbers, these visitors account for approximately 10 per cent of all tourist spending in Britain.

The main attractions of Britain for them are shipping, sightseeing, the scenery, the language (most speak English), the weather (in comparison to the hot summers of the Middle East), entertainment and nightlife and medical treatment.

By no means all visitors to Britain are holiday-makers—in fact, 20 per cent of all visits from all parts of the world are for business or professional reasons. This is a valuable section of the worldwide market which BTA is working constantly to increase.

New conference centres in London (Wembley, Olympia, the Barbican), Birmingham, Brighton and Harrogate, together with facilities in the new hotels in other big cities and in the countryside, mean Britain is now the centre of the world for conferences and conventions, big and small.

While one of the main reasons for Britain's success as a tourist nation has been that we have a genuine year-round product to sell, there have been other favourable factors. Britain has always given value for money and the cheap pound has helped.

Nor would I claim that success in tourism is only because of the work of the BTA. Success would not have come without the combined efforts of the BTA and the vast tourism industry in Britain—the carriers by land, sea and air, the hotels and restaurants, the great shops and stores—in short, by the retail trade in which Britain is such a world leader.

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BRITISH GAS

£13m worth of friendly persuasion

by Patricia Tisdall

It may seem a lot to the man in the street but the £13m a year which the Government is spending on promoting tourism is not excessive in business terms if offset against a market worth about £4,500m annually. The money is spent by the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board in persuading overseas visitors that there is plenty to see and do in Britain and in encouraging Britons to enjoy their leisure time in their own country.

Set up in 1969 by the Development of Tourism Act, the BTA and the EIB, both of which are responsible to the Department of Trade, are part of a statutory tourist organization consisting of four equal bodies. The others are the Scottish Tourist Board and the Wales Tourist Board, responsible to the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales respectively. Each is financed mainly by grants from government, but there are also indirect contributions from local authorities and industry.

The British Tourist Authority has specific responsibility for promoting tourism to Britain from overseas. The English, Scottish and Wales Tourist Boards are responsible for ensuring that visitors from whatever source find the facilities, services and welcome that they expect.

As far as England is concerned, the structure is further broken down into 12 regional boards, sponsored and grant-aided by the ETB. These are responsible for the planning, development and marketing of tourism in their particular areas and are intended to operate as a partnership between the ETB, local government and trade interests in their own regions.

In Scotland, where seven regional tourist boards were scheduled, reorganization of local government has meant that many previous regional tourist associations have been discontinued. In most cases tourism is now the responsibility of regional and district councils. In some regions it falls under the planning department and in others under leisure and recreation. Wales has three tourism councils.

Britain was fairly late in recognizing the economic advantages of tourism development and the British Tourist Authority in particular is conscious that it has to compete with other more exotic and bigger spending countries for its share of international tourist trade.

Nevertheless, at the same time as aiming to gain the largest possible share of spending by overseas visitors, it is trying to spread the traffic throughout the country and throughout the year.

Despite a sharp drop in 1973 and 1974 (the effects of which reverberated around Europe) in visitors from the United States, this is still Britain's largest single source of overseas tourists at 1,500,000 in 1976. Last year, there was intensive promotional activity associated with the jubilee celebrations. It is reckoned that a further boost this year will be given by the proliferation of cheap transatlantic air fares.

The next largest sources of visitors are France and Germany which each contributed more than a million people in 1976, followed by The Netherlands and Scandinavia. Altogether more than 6,400,000 out of the 1976 total of 10,100,000 arrivals came from Western Europe.

In 1978, in line with the Government's policy of encouraging tourism as an employment generator in the development areas, the BTA is looking to high spending market segments which are likely to be influenced by promotional activity.

The principal marketing themes for this year will, it hopes, contribute to the regional spread of traffic: the British countryside with Tower Trails, linked to the novocentenary of the Tower of London will be the supporting theme.

Since the BTA's brief is to concentrate on raising the levels of visits and proportion of earnings in the development areas, it is left to the commercial sector to promote the more traditional tourist attractions. Many promotional ventures are undertaken each year on a joint basis between the BTA and an outside partner.

Mr Alan Jefferson, BTA's marketing manager, explains that the partner may be a local authority, a regional tourist board, a tourist association as well as commercial enterprises such as language schools, hotel groups or a consortium of interests. The promotion must subscribe to BTA's marketing objectives and the authority will be more generous in its investment for economically fragile regions than it will be for the rest of the country.

Equally, proposals for schemes in developed markets such as the United States or Scandinavia will generally attract lower investment from the authority than those which are proposed for underdeveloped markets such as Greece or the Far East.

Some 34 joint schemes were run with overseas trade interests last year. Additionally there were 49 with the British commercial sector, 29 with regions and local authorities and 11 aimed at the business traveller.

Revenue from joint overseas promotions has grown dramatically. In the year ended March, 1975, about £277,000 was contributed by partners in 70 schemes. In the year ended March, 1977, £660,000 was contributed by partners in 142 schemes. In the present financial year the revenue target is £930,000 against a BTA expenditure of £660,000.

The English Tourist Board's marketing function is rather different from that of the BTA. It is concerned with encouraging and shaping domestic demand for an after-sales service for tourism and with providing both domestic and overseas tourists.

An important and generally welcomed aspect of its work has been the creation of a network of tourist information centres financed mainly by local authorities throughout the country. Of these, about 170 now also provide a local accommodation finding service.

The board has also been steadily encouraging holiday operators and retail travel agents to provide inclusive holidays using public transport and markets for special interest holidays.

Each year it publishes a guide to holidays in England which this year includes details on more than 100 resorts and more than 150 inclusive holidays. This is being distributed through retail travel agents who at one time were exclusively interested in foreign tour operators' products.

The central campaign is backed by a number of regional promotions, again strengthened by support from the commercial sector. Last year the board also for the first time, engaged in special promotions which included the Taste of England campaign designed to encourage hotel-keepers and caterers to create an present English dishes.

In all these activities, the English Tourist Board aim to maintain close liaison with the BTA and the other national tourist boards which have a similar responsibility in respect Wales and Scotland. It also submits its views to government departments on topics such as the regulation betting and gaming, ways policy and matters concerning airports and other forms of transport.

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British Tourist Authority
Grant-in-aid : £9.6m
Cooperative publicity revenue : £2.25m
Sales of publications, inc. advertising : £1.3m

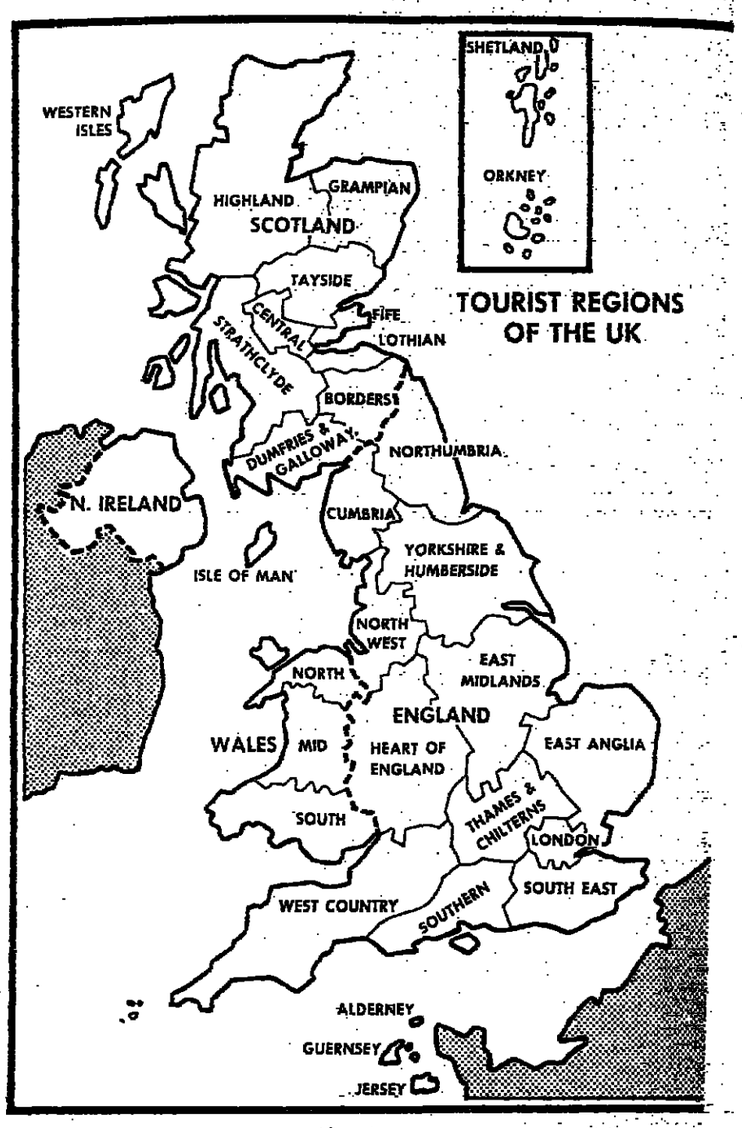
English Tourist Board
Grant-in-aid : £4.6m
Tourist projects : £1.9m
Sales of publications, inc. advertising : £500,000

Scottish Tourist Board
Grant-in-aid : £1.8m
Joint tourist projects : £1m
Sales of publications, inc. advertising : £240,000

Wales Tourist Board
Grant-in-aid : £1.4m
Joint tourist projects : £1m
Other sources, inc. sales from publications : £172,000

Northern Ireland Tourist Board
Grant-in-aid : £640,000
Registration fees : £6,200
Sales of publications etc.: £4,200

The tourist bodies of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man are controlled and financed directly by their own governments.



Massive move towards self-catering

by John Carter

Of the 40 million people taking holidays in England this year, the overwhelming majority will opt for some form of self-catering arrangement. Most of these will be found among the 36 million who choose to make their own plans, although a growing number of package holiday buyers are choosing self-service or self-catering deals.

In 1972, some 49 per cent of "tourist nights" in England were spent in such accommodation. By 1976 the figure had risen to 57 per cent, and that trend is continuing. Wales and Scotland show more or less the same picture. The move towards self-catering holidays is massive and well established.

It is also not surprising. It reflects public resistance to the increasing cost of serviced accommodation, and is linked, also, to the fact that more and more holidaymakers enjoy the use of a car. There is little point in having holiday mobility if one is tied to the mealtime routine of a guest house or hotel. Indeed, it is for this reason that a number of establishments have been converted from their original all-in use to provide self-catering amenities.

The most dramatic example of this is to be found in the way holiday camps have converted to self-catering. Butlins, for example, is now "geared to the family unit" who want to enjoy holiday independence. "It seems to be what the market requires", a Butlins spokesman commented. "We are converting more and more accommodation to meet the self-catering demand and any new building has to be of this type."

Butlins reckons to accommodate 1,250,000 people in all its establishments and at present the ratio is sixty-forty in favour of self-catering—"but it will probably be seventy-thirty within a year". So marked is the trend that Butlins emphasizes it in its Fresh Fields holidays—a brand aimed at people who prefer smaller establishments and less organized entertainment.

Among the facilities offered at the Fresh Fields holiday village at Earnley, near Chichester, for example, are tennis, badminton, archery, a putting green and a crazy golf course. Indoor activities include table tennis, darts, billiards, a children's club, and dancing each evening. All these are tied to accommodation in one and two-bedroomed chalets with fully-equipped kitchens and bathrooms. So the holidaymaker here—as at the larger camps—has the option of remaining totally independent, of using the entertainment and shopping facilities at hand.

This same kind of option is available at the holiday camps of other companies. Ladbroke, for example, has self-catering facilities at all its 11 sites—in chalets, villas or flats, in caravans or chalet-vans. Some of the sites offer facilities to those bringing their own caravans or tents. Ladbroke, like other companies, has picked up the holiday scheme pioneered on the Continent by Canvas Holidays.

A frame tent, equipped to sleep six and with all kitchen equipment provided, is erected and waiting for the holidaymakers who rent it on a weekly basis—a charge of £55 a week in the high season is extremely low for accommodation in Cornwall, for example, especially when divided by six.

It is clear, then, that the traditional holiday camp companies — and others — have recognized the trend towards self-catering, and responded to it. But what kind of facilities exist for those who do not wish to stay in camps or "villages"?

Here, too, the story is of growth: of the establishment and expansion of what are, literally, "cottage industries"—companies which offer country properties for holiday renting. Typical of these is Carefree Cottages, a Cambridge-based company which has 180 properties in its brochure, ranging from a former grammar school in Rye, Welsh hill cottages, a shooting lodge in Scotland, an oasthouse in Kent and an assortment of fishermen's cottages and farmhouses in the West Country.

The company is the brainchild of Mr Tony Truman, the former British Tourist Authority manager in The Netherlands. "The potential for self-catering sales to Europe of the British product is still virtually unrapped", he commented. "The clients' standards are high, which is a good incentive for us to keep our properties a cut above the average."

Carefree Cottages is selling direct to the British public for the first time this year, as an offshoot of the successful Dutch operation.

A similar influence is to be seen in VFB (Rural Britain), which markets Britain's holiday cottages on the Continent. Vacances Franco Britanniques has for some years successfully sold cottage and hotel holidays in rural France. That country's *gites ruraux* are a runaway success in 1978, the British allocation having been completely sold in high summer and has simply reversed the process with its recently formed subsidiary. It offers about 50 cottage properties (and some country hotels) in Scotland, the Lake District, Wales and the West of England, aiming at the Dutch, Belgian, French and Australian markets.

Other developments worth noting on the self-catering scene are the forest cabins and holiday houses established by the Forestry Commission in England, Scotland and Wales. The commission has increased its provision of self-catering accommodation in recent years and now manages 118 properties, varying from timber-built houses in a forest village to isolated stone cottages, like those at Dyfnant Forest in Wales, or on Loch Rannoch.

There are also two purpose-built forest cabin schemes — the Strathyre Cabins in Scotland and the Deerpark Cabins in Cornwall.

Information about self-catering accommodation may be had from national and regional tourist boards. The English Tourist Board, like its Welsh and Scottish counterparts, produces a *Where to Stay* guide to self-catering accommodation. At 95p (the Wales and Scotland guides are 50p each) the book may be bought from large bookstores.

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Tempting the tourist tired of London

by Patrick O'Leary

When a man is tired of London, he should go to Lichfield. In Dr Johnson's birthplace the visitor may learn something of the great man not to be found in his Fleet Street haunts. In any case the cathedral town is worth seeing for itself.

Over many years the travel trade has been cajoling, even bullying, overseas tourists to spread the load by moving out of London. Emotive language has described the threat to the fabric of life in the capital from foreign hordes. Proposals have not stopped short of suggesting they should be taxed out of it.

The propaganda seems to have worked, for Sir Henry Marking, chairman of the British Travel Authority, says 60 per cent of the nights spent in Britain by overseas visitors are outside London. However, even five years ago the figure was as high as 53 per cent.

So there is evidently truth in the assertion that the problem was exaggerated. To put the matter in perspective, the BTA has stated that, in a city with a population of more than seven million, "one may calculate that on the busiest night of the tourist scene there may be 100,000 to 120,000 holiday tourists staying somewhere in inner London.

"All parts of Britain benefit from London's success as the world-leading international resort and intercontinental junction. It is London's tourism which is the basis of spreading traffic to the remote parts of Britain.

"Any policy of discouraging visitors to the capital will encourage traffic to competing European cities. Damage has already been done by unwise talk that London was overfull."

That said, the drive continues to entice foreign tourists to Scotland, Wales, Northern England and other places that need the money. It is not easy to persuade an American or Australian that in what seems to him a tiny country, London is not a suitable centre for day excursions to Aberdeen, Portmeirion or Plymouth Hoe.

Car ferries have made continental and Scandinavian visitors more mobile. Those arriving at northern ports may not visit London at all. Nor do bargain-hunters who descend on South Coast towns on shopping expeditions. "Car ferries can easily accommodate bicycles, too", the BTA points out. Customers for the growing health farm packages avoid London as too tempting.

Attempts to persuade tourists to spend at least part of their holidays touring, or in another centre after a few days in London, have been aided by improved standards at country and provincial hotels. A recent ploy has been to publicize those in the Home Counties which can be used as a base within reach of London.

Britain's other cities are not slow to woo the customers. Edinburgh's annual festival was prospering long before North Sea oil arrived. Cardiff's Royal National Eisteddfod this year will no doubt be treated with respect, except by losing contestants, while Winchester practises one-upmanship by calling itself the Westminster of the Anglo-Saxon world.

A latecomer to this scene is Birmingham, spurred to competition by its new stratus as the home of the National Exhibition Centre. It is said to have more miles of canal than Venice, a boast which owes something to the chairman of the British Waterways Board, Sir Frank Price, who comes from the city.

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CALCULATED RISK

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enry Kissinger, as of State, made no he fact that he agreed e Turkish arguments d with grave concern e done to NATO by ioration of Turkish relations and the nonnt of the Turkish ces. He managed to ress into partially lift-

ing the embargo and then went on to negotiate a four-year Defence Co-operation Agreement (DCA) with Turkey, which was intended to give her security of military supplies. A similar agreement was made simultaneously with Greece, but Dr Kissinger had not by the time he left office been able to persuade Congress to ratify the package. Mr Carter, who as a presidential candidate had been an outspoken supporter of the Greek-Cypriot case, has so far declined to submit the DCA for ratification, in spite of constant pressure to do so both from Turkey herself and from the Nato establishment headed by Dr Luns. It was fully clear to everyone that the American administration was waiting for significant Turkish concessions on Cyprus, although in deference to Turkish sensitivity this "linkage" was not clearly spelt out.

Shortly after his return to office in January Mr Ecevit told Dr Waldheim that "the Turkish sides" (that is, formally, the Turkish Cypriots) would soon submit new and concrete proposals on both the territorial and the constitutional aspects of the conflict. So far however those proposals have not materialised. The Greeks and Greek Cypriots are therefore understandibly distressed that Mr Carter should now formally ask Congress to lift what remains of the embargo and vote Turkey the same military and security assistance as last year, while proposing to renegotiate the DCA (which is almost bound to mean increasing the amounts of aid pledged to Turkey in the years ahead).

What is behind this timing? Probably the fear, cleverly cultivated by Mr Ecevit himself through a series of press leaks, that American foot-dragging on the DCA might actually be the cause of the delay over the Cyprus proposals, and might even result in those proposals eventually emerging less positive than had been hoped. This in a paradoxical way re-establishes that very linkage which he had previously denied; and it can hardly have been a coincidence that yesterday, after the State Department's announcement, Mr Ecevit came out with a conciliatory statement on Cyprus promising not only changes in the dividing line between the present Greek and Turkish zones but also gradual progress towards full freedom of movement and of settlement across the line, which is the point the Greek Cypriots consider most important in the long run.

Meanwhile Turkish Cypriot leaders were being briefed by Professor Mumtaz Soysal, a Turkish constitutional expert who is a close friend of Mr Ecevit's but also known for his moderation on the Cyprus issue. The omens are thus relatively hopeful. But if reasonable proposals do not emerge very quickly the disappointment will be correspondingly great, and Congress will then be most unlikely to accede to Mr Carter's request.

RIGHTS IN GERMANY

t Germans are not be pleased or much at being told by the Tribunal", which has ng in Frankfurt, that reat to human rights the so-called *Berufs*political vetting of for jobs in the public It is an unfortunate od cause being taken wrong people in the Too few members ual can be regarded investigators. Too sociated with far left ch are not the most defenders of human the issue they have ing is important, and what over-sensitive the West German to the proceedings n helpful. Probably nent was right not to proceedings by sendial to give evidence d have produced a red comment reflectern which is felt by als, including the himself, about the ver-zealous vetting. to widespread belief, impression conveyed ssell Tribunal, this ot based on any new ree. Its only legal e Civil Service Act to 1953, which says in public service teen per cent of all show active engagealf of the democratic ned by the Constitution. Seemingly harmless enough after the war, this was intended primarily to ensure the loyalty of Nazi officials who were allowed to stay on to serve the new democracy. The disloyalty of officials to the Weimar republic was in everyone's mind. The law began to be turned against the left at the end of the 1960s when a few student revolutionaries announced their intention of deliberately infiltrating the state apparatus. Some who then surfaced in schools and universities provoked justified anxiety by showing themselves as anxious to monopolize opinion as those they replaced.

In 1972 the prime ministers of the federal *Länder* agreed on guidelines for implementing the law. Their decision is often taken as the origin of the *Berufsverbot* but it created no new situation in law and its interpretation of the law was in large part rejected by the Constitutional Court on May 22, 1975. The following year, after Christian Democrats in the Bundesrat (upper house) defeated an attempt to standardize practice among the *Länder*, the Cabinet and the Social Democrats declared the 1972 decision null and void.

The problem now is that the clumsy machinery of screening and surveillance marches on like a headless body sustained mainly by the zeal and political prejudice of lower officials and local courts, particularly in conservative areas. It perpetrates acts of ludicrous injustice and is felt to have an intimidating effect even on those who are not caught in its net. Students complain of feeling watched and cramped and discouraged from expressing even mild political dissent for fear that the computer will record them as unreliable. Teachers feel they must shun controversial topics.

The vast majority of West Germans are not worried. They know their country to be exceptionally vulnerable to subversion and extremism, and they see many of the loudest complaints coming from people whose primary loyalty is to East Germany (where, of course, political vetting is very much stricter). They are perfectly willing that some rights should be curtailed for the sake of security. The danger is that in the long run security could be weakened by defining too narrowly the boundaries of acceptable dissent and thereby increasing the number of disgruntled outsiders —already swollen by unemployment.

It is difficult to see precisely where remedies can begin. To amend the Civil Service Act would be difficult, for the state is perfectly entitled to demand reasonable loyalty from its servants. To reduce the absurd number of people entitled to the coveted status of *Beamte* would be sensible, but who is going to challenge that interest group? At some point, however, the issue must be tackled by people whose concern for West German democracy is more credible than that of the Russell Tribunal.

OADS, AND A NEW DEAL FOR OBJECTORS

n yesterday's White licy for roads shows enty years of work, ge of modern road England is almost main network of and trunk roads is lete, and the projects ilt increasingly convements to the exist-But even comparad schemes still affect ive near by sharply nsure that they will cely contested. These onflicts of interest the procedures for essing the need for must be as open and ptable as possible. ing processes have nger of losing that confidence, partly real deficiencies in e surrounding public These shortcomings t possible for objecnostility is less to ojects than to major g as such to obstruct ries (though only active opposition on ds already exists). report earlier this how unsatisfactory ngements were, and at the same time stressed the need for acceptable procedures by showing that even if oil prices doubled or trebled by the end of the century, traffic on the roads was still likely to increase, even if rather more slowly than earlier predictions had supposed.

A white paper reporting on an official review of road inquiry procedures was published yesterday along with the roads policy white paper, which has been expanded into something closer to a coherent statement of policy than the bald list of proposals customary in earlier years. The linking is significant: one of the chief objections to the inquiry process has been that it takes place in the context of an insufficiently clearly defined strategy, so that the need for a new road cannot be effectively evaluated. The new documents, together with last year's white paper on transport policy as a whole, takes away most, though not all, of the force of this objection. The report accepts that inquiries have not been open enough about the reasoning that has led the Department to select one route rather than another, and proposes changes which should allow far more and far better-informed discussion of alternative proposals. It concedes that having inquiry inspectors appointed by the minister responsible for the plan under consideration does not give the appearance of justice, and proposes that the appointment should be made by the Lord Chancellor instead.

These proposals will not satisfy all critics of inquiry procedures, even among the less radical. The momentum of developed official policy will still be difficult for local objectors to resist. The report rejects the proposal that objectors should be enabled to mount a stronger case by having their expenses met from public funds (only those most immediately affected have that right at present, and then only if they win their point). There may be room for more discretionary expenses payments to groups making constructive points, but the evidence of Winchester and Archway does not suggest that objectors are so handicapped that any general right to expenses need be established. With the extra information and scope for argument that these proposals would provide, objectors with a good case should be able to put up a formidable fight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending Western values

From Monsignor Bruce Kent

Sir, Lord Chalfont's outstanding article on the neutron bomb (April 3) should hopefully put paid to the idea that to oppose it is to be an instrument, gullible or dishonest, of Sovier propaganda. If Russian tanks are there for offensive purposes rather than for the control of an uneasy empire then, from a military point of view, it is into more guided anti-tank missiles that we should be putting our money.

But we owe more to Lord Chalfont for raising the whole question of the defence of "the values of the western world". The present path has led us to match horror with horror, to spend more and more on the officially unsuable, and to ally ourselves in so many places around the world with regimes just as brutal as any of those who are now our declared enemies.

A determined self sacrificing struggle for international social justice is in the long run the only defence of what is really valuable. Yet we remain in the West, in world terms, countries of economic privilege and military power, unscrupulous whenever self interest seems to require it.

We should certainly resist pressure for permission to deploy the neutron bomb on our territory. But with the United Nations special session on disarmament in the offing this might also be the moment to think again about what we are really defending and how we ought to be achieving that purpose.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE KENT, Chairman,
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,
29 Great James Street, WC1.
April 4.

Upstaged at Westminster

From Mr William Douglas Home

Sir, Reading Lord O'Hagan's letter of thanks to Lord Home for his chairmanship of the House of Lords Reform Committee in your columns today (March 22) made me wonder if I had missed a golden opportunity of becoming a peer.

For had Lord Home, instead of merely discussing the prospects for the coming flat season whenever we meet, seen fit to tell me what he was up to, I could have brought to his notice the grave injustice to which certain consorts of certain peers have been subjected since the Sex Discrimination Act came in. I refer, of course, to that handful of ill-used males who, like myself, are wed to peeresses in their own right. It is no exaggeration to say that we members of this down-trodden minority are subjected to unspeakable indignities.

For instance, when my wife was first conducted round the House of Lords, I recollect her charming guide remarking to her, "Your son can sit on the steps of the throne whenever he cares to attend a debate, and your daughter can sit up there." "What about her husband?", I inquired. "We don't cater for them", said he.

He never spoke a truer word as I discovered later when, on one occasion, my wife and a fellow peeress left the bar to go into the chamber. "Have another drink while we're waiting", I suggested to the latter's husband. "You're not allowed to buy one", he replied. "Good God", I said, grasping my empty glass and realizing, for the first time, to what depths of degradation we had sunk, "Who do they think we are—a pair of morganatic old queens?"

Is it too late to persuade Lord Home to reconvene his House of Lords Committee and correct this obvious injustice which allows discrimination against certain individuals on grounds of sex alone, denying them the right, enjoyed by every female in a like position, to be called the same name as their consort?

One hopes not. But, if it should be, then it would appear that only two courses of action remain open to us—either to invoke the Act and seek redress for such unfair discrimination, or to change sex.

Which, I wonder, would cost less!

I am, Sir, Yours etc,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOME,
Drayton House,
East Meon,
Hamnshire.
March 22.

Repatriation of prisoners

From Count Nikolai Tolstoy

Sir, On March 15 you published a letter by Mr Shaun Stewart, who wrote:

"In the summer of 1945 I was given the task with my company of rounding up those who had escaped from their camps into the mountains east of Lienz. I do not recall that any of us thought that those we caught did not deserve whatever fate was coming to them. I certainly did not and do not now."

The Cossacks rounded up by Mr Stewart's and other patrols were taken in trucks on June 15 to a Soviet reception point at Graz. Troop-Sergeant Donald Lawrence was in one of the accompanying armoured cars of 56 Recce Regiment, and described his experiences to me today (March 22).

When the prisoners arrived at Graz, he saw one of the many women amongst them run to the parapet of a viaduct crossing the river Mur. She threw first her baby and then herself into the waters below. The remainder of the prisoners, male and female, were herded into a huge wired concentration camp. Sergeant Lawrence saw drunken Soviet guards on the perimeter towers firing bursts of machine gun fire into the dense throng. He himself managed to smuggle one of the women back to Lienz in his armoured car, but has never forgotten his nightmare journey.

I wonder what would have been your readers' reaction had Mr Stewart's letter been written by a *German* officer?

Yours faithfully,
NIKOLAI TOLSTOY,
Cable House,
Parbrook,
Near Glastonbury,
Somerset.
March 22.

Princess's private life

From Dr Jeremy Bray, MP for Motherwell and Wishaw (Labour)

Sir, Unfortunately Princess Margaret's position is not as simple as Mr Alex Lyon suggests. For better or worse, the monarchy is justified as a symbol of the social and family life of the nation, as well as providing the Head of State. It is because the nation and not least working class morality knows too well the distress of broken homes and marriages that it maintains the family ideal. If the monarchy abdicates its symbolic role, other ideals will be found, the monarchy will suffer, and its political role will change.

The problem facing the Queen, Princess Margaret, the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury is how to maintain the symbolic role with a human understanding of moral dilemmas and confusions in society today. The solution cannot lie in the severance of the symbolic role from the state role of the monarchy, by drawing distinctions between private and public life which deny the importance of the family. But nor would the country wish to see a display of rectitude amounting to aloofness which would not ring true.

The solution must be a human one, which only those closest to the human reality can decide. And decide they will, even if only by doing nothing.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BRAY,
House of Commons.

From Mr W. W. Hamilton, MP for Fife Central (Labour)

Sir, My colleague Alex Lyon (April 3) misses the point. The campaign against Princess Margaret is not directly solely against her private life. She is entitled to that. But as a person handsomely rewarded out of public funds, we are entitled to expect from her higher standards than would be expected or accepted from any other citizen. That has always been part of the case of pro-monarchists. Even Court officials have expressed concern at the Princess's fall from those standards. As a man of God, Mr Lyon must surely understand that. The Bishop of Truro certainly does. His advice should be accepted.

Yours sincerely,
W. W. HAMILTON,
House of Commons.
April 3.

From Lord Dulverton

Sir, I wonder if those who are hounding Princess Margaret have given thought at all to the burden of deep and searing unhappiness against which she may well have been striving to face her public duties? Little may they know what these cost in terms of personal effort and will; but as many can vouch, she has carried them out bravely and well.

Before leaping to conclusions of an uncharitable and even false nature about her personal friendships, could they not pause and consider whether Princess Margaret deserves of us all compassionate understanding rather than persecution?

Yours faithfully,
DULVERTON,
Barsford Park,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire.
April 3.

Clinical professors' pay

From the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of London, and others

Sir, Great advances in this century in medicine have come from the efforts of those devoted to academic clinical work and research. The reputation of British medicine, which still stands high in the world, depends on this. Some financial sacrifice has always been accepted by those who choose a career in academic medicine, especially those in the surgical specialties. Harmonization of academic clinical salaries with those of our colleagues in the NHS has hitherto been established through the efforts of the University Grants Committee and the Vice Chancellors and Principals' Committee. A new situation has developed. The medical profession is arguing for a new pay structure with the Government, and the BMA, representing the entire profession, is the negotiating body. There is no doubt that the BMA's prime concern is with the NHS consultant contract. Consequently such issues as private practice, payments for individual items of service and recall fees for working unsocial hours are integral parts of the discussions.

However, academic clinical medicine was born from the idea that scientifically minded clinicians should be freed from excessive clinical commitments in order to do research, to write and to teach. If this precious concept is destroyed by any requirement that forces academic clinicians to earn their basic salary through payments for individual items of service rendered, then the foundations of academic medicine will be undermined. If academic clinical medicine is still needed, then those engaged in it must not be asked to make an extreme financial sacrifice.

We, being clinical professors in all branches of medicine, surgery, obstetrics and pathology of London University, the largest Faculty of Medicine in the country, producing approximately two-fifths of all medical graduates, believe that what we stand for is not being adequately represented at the negotiating table. We consider that the time has come to state what we believe are principles upon which the survival of academic clinical medicine in this country depends.

(1) The financial rewards of academic clinicians from lecturer to professor, who work full time in university departments, should harmonize with those of their non-academic colleagues in the NHS. Moreover, academic clinicians should not be compelled to reinforce their income by formally devised service items in order to achieve this harmony.

(2) Senior academic clinicians should be allowed to engage in limited private practice providing that, in the main (see below) they do not personally enjoy an income therefrom, ie, earnings from private practice should normally only be used to reinforce the research efforts of their departments.

Academic clinicians therefore ask for a salary, fringe benefits and tax relief equivalent to the maximum which comparable NHS staff may be given under any new arrangements, it being understood that the academic clinician accepts precisely the same responsibility towards his patients throughout every 24 hours which his colleagues in the NHS have. An exception to the above circumscribed arrangement may need to be found to accommodate some senior academic clinical surgeons and obstetricians amongst us if these academic specialties are to survive. For such academics, rights to limited private practice may need to be incorporated within new contracts specific to the specialties and individuals concerned.

Moreover, extra work and hard work by our NHS colleagues should be rewarded within the context of their contracts, and not by distinction awards. We believe that such awards should reflect distinction and merit, whether in NHS staff or academic clinicians, and be strictly applied to the achievements of those who contribute to the general advance of medical science whether this be in deepening our understanding of the nature of disease or in the treatment and care of patients.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR CRISP, Dean.
NORMAN ASHTON, Pathology.
H. H. BENTALL, Cardiac Surgery.
G. S. BRINDLEY, Clinical Physiology.
NORMAN BROWSE, Surgery.
A. N. EXTON-SMITH, Geriatrics.
DENIS HILL, Psychiatry.
J. LANDON, Chemical Pathology.
D. C. MORRELL, General Practice.
W. S. PEART, Medicine.
G. ROSE, Epidemiology.
SHEILA SHERLOCK, Medicine.
G. A. SMART, BPMF.
J. F. SOOTHILL, Immunology.
R. E. STEINER, Diagnostic Radiology.
M. K. SYKES, Clinical Anaesthetics.
R. W. TAYLOR, Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
O. H. WOLFF, Paediatrics.
and 129 other clinical professors in these and related specialties.
Faculty of Medicine,
University of London.

Human rights obligations

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, Mr Grotrian (March 20) disposes of the red herring which Mr Thornberry (March 13) drew across this correspondence by suggesting that incorporation of the European Convention into our domestic law would reduce existing rights conferred by that law. Perhaps we can now return to the real difficulties involved in the incorporation of the Convention. These are first that the obscurity of our domestic law would be increased and secondly that non-elected judges would be given powers which properly belong to elected representatives.

The first difficulty (if anyone doubts its force) is demonstrated by the examples Mr Grotrian gives. Thus he says that *Habeas corpus* would continue to be available "in addition to any wider remedy which the Convention might be held to provide". We should therefore have a long period of uncertainty while the courts worked out whether the Convention did indeed provide a wider remedy, and if so what it was exactly. Similar obscurity would be caused by most of the other provisions of the Convention.

We can avoid both of these serious objections and still gain the advantages for civil liberty afforded by the Convention if we first identify the areas where our domestic law falls short of the requirements of the Convention, and then remedy the omissions by detailed legislation dovetailing into our existing law. The bodies concerned with promoting human rights could help in this—both by framing draft Bills and by pressing the Government to adopt them.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS BENNION, Chairman,
Statute Law Society,
24 St Aubyns,
Hove, East Sussex.

Western Sahara

From Mr John Mercer

Sir, I would like to reply to the specific points made by the Moroccan Ambassador (March 13) over the Sahara conflict. It is true that the fishing agreement has been ratified by the Spanish Government but it is also true that the ordinary Canary fishermen, feeling their livelihood is about to slip away from them, are dismayed and enraged by the agreement. I have recently returned from the islands where it is clear from the press and from conversations that the fishing agreement is one of the stimuli behind the autonomy demands. On February 7, before the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Spanish Congress, it was alleged that the big fishing companies and boat builders would be the only parties to benefit in Spain—and, further, that industrialists from these had been influential in the preparation of the agreement.

The Ambassador also implies that the original tripartite agreement was in line with the UN resolution and the International Court opinion. In fact the agreement ignored the Court's decision (no ties of "sovereignty" between Morocco and the Sahara) and the UN's demand for a self determination referendum in the territory. Finally, whilst it is true that the Spanish colonial administration of 1975 found it expedient to treat the Jemaa (which it had itself installed) as representative of the Saharauis, the UN Mission of the same year wrote in its Report (p 7) that "The population showed by its demonstrations and statements that it supported the objectives of the Frente Polizario..."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MERCER,
21 Barony Street,
Edinburgh.

The NUR and the National Front

From Mr Michael A. Covington

Sir, The National Union of Railwaymen is thinking of expelling some of its members who have participated in National Front activities. Since the union operates in a closed shop, these railwaymen will lose their jobs.

The National Front certainly needs to be opposed, and opposed strongly. But anti-National Front sentiment must not be used as an excuse for depriving people of their civil rights because of their political opinions. If National Front supporters lose the right to work for Britain's railways, this will be precisely what has happened.

As an American, I wince at the thought of anything like the McCarthy era in the United States of America, when anyone suspected of being a Communist could be deprived of his civil rights and thrown out of his job without due process of law.

We have to play fairly, even if our enemies don't. Fighting fascism with fascism will not work.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL A. COVINGTON,
Clare College,
Cambridge.
March 31.

Reporting of disputes

From Mr Noel Finegan

Sir, Welcome back and congratulations on your detailed news report of the dispute (April 3). It is refreshing to see a newspaper prepared and able to report fully the reasons for a dispute, the detailed progress of the negotiations and the basis for the settlement.

Would that this were always the case. I speak especially of the reporting of industrial disputes in the manufacturing and service industries which have suffered from much misreporting over the years even in the serious press. Photographs of violence on the picket lines or reports of emotive but factually inaccurate statements by strikers are much more likely to be published than any measured statement by management and selective quotes often inflame the situation more. No doubt lack of space often precludes the comprehensive report but so many industrial managers have given up hope of ever seeing their side of the dispute reported without distortion that they have retreated into "no comment" as their response to the press.

The spotlight of publicity seldom helps in the resolution of a complex industrial dispute and because the effect of inaccurate or selective reporting can prolong the dispute, newspapers have a special responsibility in this area. *The Times* report of *The Times* dispute could act as a model for such reporting and industrial managers would then welcome such press coverage instead of fearing it.

Yours faithfully,
NOEL FINEGAN, Industrial Relations Adviser,
British Institute of Management,
Management House,
Parker Street, WC2.
April 3.

European Foundation

From the Director of the European Movement (British Council)

Sir, Whilst Sir Ashley Clarke's suggestion (Letters, April 3) that the proposed European Foundation be located in Venice is understandable, he is mistaken in assuming that its functions would be limited to co-operation in the cultural and scientific fields.

Mr Leo Tindemans' original aim for the Foundation was to promote greater understanding among European peoples in all spheres of knowledge and activity. Apart from cultural and scientific cooperation, the European Commission's proposal to the Heads of Governments on the Foundation deals with twinning activities, youth exchanges, including those of young workers, contact between social and occupational groups, and generally help in promoting information about Europe and European integration.

Under the proposed terms of reference, it is unlikely, therefore, that the European Foundation will itself be able to contribute to the preservation of Venice. If it were located in Venice it might, however, draw greater attention to the plight of this great European city.

Yours faithfully,
ERNEST WISTRICH, Director,
The European Movement
(British Council),
Europe House,
1A Whitehall Place, SW1.
April 3.

Northern Ireland

From Mr Hugh Munro

Sir, Mr David Morrison (March 22) says that Northern Ireland is not a British colony because its people do not want it to be. But whether it is or is not a colony will be decided, not by the Northern Irish, but by the mainland British; and the mainland British have decided that the province should have its own separate government, and that that government should be one directed by mainland politicians and from which Northern Ireland's own elected representatives at Westminster are (and as far as can be seen will remain) excluded. Is this not, in essence, a colonial situation?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MUNRO,
1 St Kevin's Park,
Dartry,
Dublin 6.
March 25.

Nearly a Blue

From Lord Russell of Killowen

Sir, Your golf correspondent Peter Ryde recalls today (March 17) that my father was asked by the Oxford captain—one short against Cambridge on the morrow—whether he played golf. The captain's next question gave one more chance of a blue. "Well, have you even *seen* it played?" But no. (*Ex relatione* my father.)

Yours, etc.
RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN,
House of Lords.
March 17.

r Bhutto

er Wolfe

Wigg, in his report to 01 of the Bhutto trial The lawyers who conefence were not the legal brains, but poli-n".

s interested to know ya Bakhtiar, Bhutto's counsel, has successhis country's cause ternational Courts of Hague and is known Nations, in the USA onally as a fearless siderable competence lawyer of such interre a "political henchnly gratuitously offenging in itself but also suggests that Bhutto's defence cannot have a sound basis in law.

That the trial was political is without doubt but Mr Wigg's comment does not help place the quality of defence assertions that it was so in proper context.

Yours sincerely,
PETER WOLFE,
Chairman and Managing Director,
Wolfe Medical Publications Limited,
10 Earlham Street, WC2
March 20.

Racial distinctions

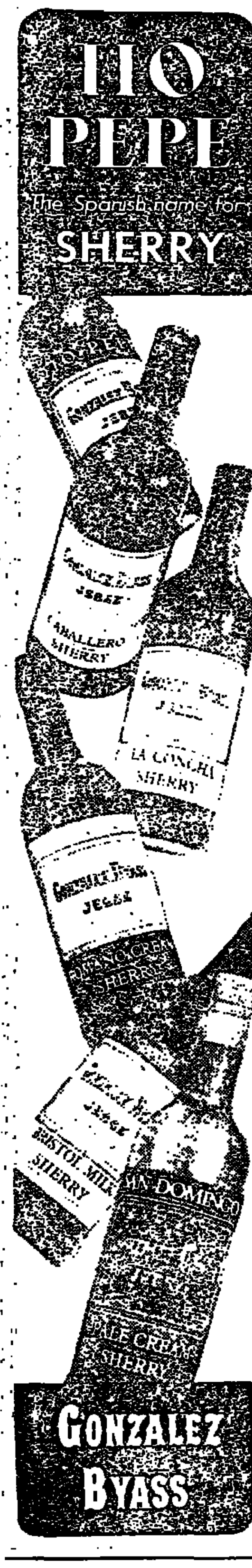
From Mr S. C. Fleischer

Sir, *The Times* and others refer to blacks as "the immigrant population", "immigrants", "of immigrant origin" or, most absurdly, as "second generation immigrants".

Where racial distinctions must be made, "black", like "white", does not offend. But "immigrant" does. It emphasizes that some citizens are regarded still as foreign, markedly different, and not yet accepted.

When you mean immigrants, black and white, say "immigrants". When you mean blacks, both immigrant and citizens by birth, say "blacks". The present usage reflects a reluctance to discuss race directly and mistakenly turns public attention to black immigration as a problem to be solved instead of to the elimination of racial prejudice.

Yours faithfully,
S. C. FLEISCHER,
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Westcliff,
Johannesburg 2193,
South Africa.
March 22.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 4: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
April 4: The Duke of Kent today opened Communications '78 at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.
His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Greenfield.

Princess Alexandra will be present at a gala performance of the musical show Annie, in aid of the Church of England Children's Society and the Elizabeth Fitzroy Homes, at the Victoria Palace, London, on April 28.

The funeral of Captain Mark Fiennes Hunter-Jones, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, will take place on Friday, April 7, at noon at St Mary, The Boltons, SW10.

Birthdays today

Lieutenant-General Sir Edric Bastyan, 75; Mr J. Gilbert, MP, 51; Mr Gontran Goulden, 66; Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Irving, 68; the Hon Dame Olivia Mulholland, 76; Mr W. R. Hornby Steer, 79; Mr Herbert von Karajan, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Dymock Watson, 74.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales presents British Press Awards 1977, Savoy Hotel, 12.50.
The Duke of Kent attends Army Football Association cup final, Aldershot, 7.10.
The London Equestrian Spring Fair, Earls Court, London.
Exhibitions: Modern studio-made tableware, Galdstone Pottery Museum, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, 10.30-5.30; Beccles Society of Artists, Hungate Church, Suffolk; Interfaces, *Richard Hamilton* and Dieter Roth, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, 10-5.
Lectures: Archaeology by experiment, Mr Peter Reynolds, British Museum lecture theatre, 11.15; The Moderns (1), Matisse and Fauves, Tate Gallery, 1.
Poetry reading: Roger McGough, Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, 7.30.
Record recital, Library Theatre, Sheffield, 12.30.
Lunchtime music: Michael Howard, organ, St Paul's Cathedral, 12.30; Ruth Lea, mezzosoprano, David Wright, piano, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1.15.

GCE boards merger

The University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate and the Southern Universities' Joint Board are to merge their activities for conducting GCE examinations at O and A level. The character and features of the two bodies will remain and they will continue to seek ways to improve their services to schools.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain G. M. V. Whitcombe and Miss R. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Guy Mark Vernon Whitcombe, The Royal Green Jackets, son of the Rev Guy and Mrs Whitcombe, of Ridge House, Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk, and Rebecca, fourth daughter of Sir Peter and Lady Roberts, of Cockley Cley Hall, Swaffham, Norfolk.

Mr J. R. J. Partridge and Miss C. J. Schofield
The engagement is announced between James, son of Sir John and Lady Partridge, of Wildwood, Haslemere, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Stuart Schofield, of Guernsey, and ward of Mr and Mrs Ivor Schofield, of Mountain View, Ballaugh, Isle of Man.

Mr D. J. Carmichael and Miss A. L. Hitchcock
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Carmichael, of Greencrook, Dunkeld, Perthshire, and Lucy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. Hitchcock, of Walton Lodge, Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr S. A. D. Hall and Miss T. A. Bartleet
The engagement is announced between Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hall, of Apple Tree Cottage, Woughton on the Green, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, and Teresa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bartleet, of Walcott's Hall, Great Tey, Essex.

Dr J. N. Hiddleston and Miss D. P. Servaes
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Hiddleston, of High Barnes, Sunderland, co Durham, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Servaes, of The Old Rectory, Orford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr D. S. Howard and Miss H. J. Hales Pakenham Mahon
The engagement is announced between David Stewart, son of Mr and Mrs E. C. S. Howard, of Duckswich House, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire, and Henrietta Jennifer, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Nicholas Hales Pakenham Mahon, of 54 Strensall Park, York.

Mr G. T. Hughes and Miss P. P. Cook
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in June between Geoffrey, son of the Rev Canon and Mrs T. O. Hughes, of Llandeilo, Dyfed, and Penelope, daughter of Mrs D. M. Cook and the late Mr D. M. Cook, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr S. D. Jenkins and Miss V. G. Hunnicutt
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Dr and Mrs Daniel Jenkins, of the Barbican, London, EC1, and Gayle, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs S. L. Hunnicutt, of Fort Worth, Texas, United States.

Mr J. R. S. McKean and Miss E. B. White
The engagement is announced between John Roger Somerled, only son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs J. A. H. McKean, of Thickets, Hascombe, Surrey, and Elizabeth Burnley, elder daughter of Dr Thomas and Dr Margaret White, of Upfield, Croydon, Surrey.

Mr M. P. Nicholls and Miss C. M. Betts
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Pat Nicholls, of Shurdington, Cheltenham, and Catherine, daughter of Mr Kenneth Betts and the late Mrs Joan Betts, of Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

Captain M. S. Norbury, RE and Miss E. J. Dawson
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs P. Norbury, of Gussage All Saints, Wimborne, Dorset, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. C. Dawson, of Wychwood, Tylers Green, Buckinghamshire.

Dr G. Psarras and Miss L. V. Ewart James
The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mr and Mrs Psarras, of Corfu, Greece, and Lavinia, only daughter of Judge and Mrs Ewart James, of Westfield, Upton Grey, Hampshire.

Mr M. S. H. Ring and Miss E. A. Henman
The engagement is announced between Malcolm Spencer Humbert, only son of Group Captain and Mrs Spencer Ring, of Bredfield Lodge, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Elizabeth Anne, youngest daughter of Mrs Maureen Henman, of Lock Island, Marlow, and of Mr Michael Henman.

Mr K. J. Shorrock and Mrs J. E. Simson
A marriage has been arranged and will take place in the summer between Keith J. Shorrock and Judith E. Simson (nee Evans).

Mr J. D. Payne and Miss E. A. M. Chesshire
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr J. W. Payne and of Mrs L. Payne, of Elm Lodge, Ludlow, Salop, and Anne, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. S. I'A. Chesshire, of Milebrook House, Knighton, Powys.

Mr G. N. Wilson and Miss A. A. Crone
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. S. Wilson, of Hampstead, London, and Annabel, younger daughter of Mrs Vivien Crone and the late Flight Lieutenant R. A. Crone, DFC, of Barton Mills, Suffolk.

Marriages

Mr N. Ridley and Mrs D. Harbord
The marriage took place yesterday at St Michael's, Chester Square, of Mr Nicholas Ridley, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harold Ridley, of 53 Harley Street, London, and Mrs David Harbord, only daughter of the late Sir Hervey Bruce and of Lady Bruce, of Petersham House, Newmarket. The Archdeacon of Sudbury and the Rev E. G. H. Saunders took part in the service.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Captain Sir James Bruce, Grenadier Guards, was attended by Sasha Reid and Hamish Mackie. Mr Christopher Morris was best man.
A reception was held at the Berkeley Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J. W. Giffard and Miss C. V. Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 1, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, of Mr John Giffard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Giffard, of Chillington Hall, near Wolverhampton, and Miss Crescent Smith, elder daughter of Mr H. Edward Smith, of Dallas, and Mrs M. F. Smith, of California. The Rev Rolf Schottelvig and the Rev J. A. K. Millar officiated. The bride, *who was given away* by her father, was attended by three children, Serena Campbell-Jones, Sacha Vaughan and Kate Webb, and by Miss Sharon Smith, sister of the bride, and Miss Janet Mortenson. Mr Alastair Thompson was best man.
A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.



Mr Mota Singh, a Sikh, leaving the House of Lords yesterday after being sworn in as a QC. He is a deputy circuit judge and wears a turban instead of a wig in court.

Modigliani work sold for £60,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The week of London sales devoted to Impressionist and modern pictures began at Christie's yesterday with two auctions totalling £1,134,410, of which 30 per cent was unsold. Prices have been lagging for several years and a high unsold percentage has become usual in the field.

Each series of sales, however, shows a slightly different pattern. High prices for Chagall's work was an outstanding feature of last autumn's sales, but yesterday most of his works failed to find buyers. "Les tournesols" was unsold at £60,000 (estimate £70,000 to £90,000).

In contrast, the works of Moise Kisling, who was well represented in quantity and quality, ran beyond expectations, many works selling to Japan. His "Femme à la jupe verte", of 1928, made £17,000 (estimate £10,000 to £14,000).

The top price in the sale was £60,000 (estimate £50,000 to £60,000) for Modigliani's "La jeune Suédoise". It was bought by Paideia, who bid over the telephone from Japan; the auction room was also linked by telephone to a bidder in Tel Aviv. A Sisley of 1888, "Le Pont à Moret", went to Partridge Fine Art at £45,000 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000).

A premium was paid for works *of art with historical interest.* A Constructivist sandstone sculpture of 1919, "Rapport des volumes", by Georges Vantongerloo, made an auction record for the artist at £21,000 (estimate £9,000 to £12,000) to Waddington Tooth.

At Sotheby's a two-session sale of oriental miniatures, manuscripts and paintings totalled £449,088, with 4 per cent unsold. Qajar paintings, whose value has gone up and down again in the past five years, were selling at very high prices.

A standing portrait of Fath 'Ali Shah in full armour by Mihr 'Ali, dated 1814, made £95,000 (estimate £80,000 to £120,000).

Qajar lacquerwork also showed a recovery. A pen-box of 1899 decorated with scenes from the *Shahnama* by 'Abd Al-Husayni made £4,800 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

£370 Dinky toy: A three-inch model of a Pickford's removal van, which cost 4d in 1934, achieved a record price of £370 for a Dinky toy at the *Blue Peter* charity auction held at Phillips' West 2 sale rooms in Bayswater. The sale of toys sent in by viewers of the BBC children's television programme totalled £10,597, with all lots sold, and the proceeds will aid deaf children. The van was bought by Mr James Varney, of Bromley, who said he would offer it again later this year for a charity to provide radios for hospitals.

Church news

The Ven S. M. F. Woodhouse, Archdeacon of London and canon residentiary of St Paul's Cathedral for the past 11 years, is to retire on October 18.

The Bishop Suffragan of Grimsby, the Right Rev Gerald Colin, is to retire at the end of this year. He was consecrated bishop in 1966.

Latest appointments include:
Canon J. A. Baker, Rector-designate of St Margaret's, Westminster, to be also Sub-Dean of Westminster.
Canon T. R. Beeson to be also Treasurer of Westminster Abbey.
The Rev F. Blanchard, Vicar of St James's, Scarborough, diocese of York, to be also priest-in-charge of Holy Trinity, Scarborough.
The Rev I. M. Butler, curate of Reigate, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sissinghurst, and St Mary's, Frittenden, diocese of Canterbury.
The Rev H. W. Everest, Vicar of St John's, Park, Sheffield, to be Vicar of St Lawrence's, Tinsley, Sheffield.

Latest wills

The seventh Duke of Leinster, of Westminster, left £500 net. He died on March 8, 1976, intestate.
Elizabeth Mary de Velling, of Hull, left £60,909 net. She left her shares in the Probus Women's Housing Society to Hull Business and Professional Women's Club, and the residue of her property to the arts faculty of Sheffield University.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Clarke, Mr Marshal Neville, of Victoria, London .. £251,186
Doble, Mr Herbert George, of Clacton-on-Sea, intestate £211,645
Fonteyn, Mr Raymond George, of Kensington £245,695
Nice, Mr Gerald Kinder, of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire, solicitor £147,457
Young, Mr Christopher Alwyne Jack, FRS, of Warminster, former director, ICI Central Instrument Research Laboratory .. £80,540

Northwood College

Northwood College is celebrating its centenary this year. Old girls and friends are invited to the thanksgiving service at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 3.0 pm on April 21.
All former pupils and staff will be welcome at the celebrations. Details may be had from the head mistress.

Luncheon

British Medical Association
The chairman of council of the British Medical Association, Dr *James Cameron*, entertained the following guests at luncheon yesterday at BMA House:
Sir Ferguson Anderson, Sir Douglas Black, Dr A. A. Clarl, Sir John Dewhurst, Dr E. Grey-Turner, Dr F. V. Knessberg, Dr S. P. Lock, Mr R. S. Murley, Sir John Stallworthy, Dr C. J. Wells and Sir Henry Yellowlees.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Robert Cryer, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Industry, was host at a reception held at Trinity House last night in honour of the visit of the Korean National Assembly Group.

Cambridge Society
The *Cambridge Society for old* members of the university held its inaugural reception in Guildhall yesterday. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress attended. Sir Carl Aarvold, chairman of the foundation committee, and Sir Alan Cottrell, Vice-Chancellor, spoke. Six hundred and thirty members and guests were present.

Dinners

British Council
Sir Anthony Royle, MP, was host at a dinner given yesterday by the British Council at the House of Commons in honour of delegates from the Instituto Nacional de Cooperación Educativa, Venezuela.

Glaziers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests of honour at a livery dinner given by the Glaziers' Company at the Mansion House last night. The speakers were Mr G. M. Gee, Renter Warden, the Lord Mayor, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, the Master, Mr D. Graham-Wood, Mr B. D. L. Thomas and Major-General Peter Benson.

London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association
Mr A. A. Dumont, president, gave a dinner party last night at the Law Society's Hall on behalf of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association. The guests included:
Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP; Sir Bryan Roberts, Judge John Slack, Mr J. G. N. Grafton, Mr E. C. S. Russell, Mr T. C. Hetherington, QC, and Mr Timothy Lawrence (secretary).

South Africa Club
The Ambassador of South Africa presided at a dinner given by the South Africa Club last night at the Savoy Hotel at which Mr Basil Hersov, president of the South Africa Foundation, and Mr W. E. Luke were guests of honour. Among those present were:
Viscount and Viscountess Caldecote, Lord and Lady Caccia, Lord and Lady Seebohm, Sir David and Lady Nicolson, Mr and Mrs Barrie Heath and Mr and Mrs J. Sowden.

Service dinner

Air Training Corps
The annual dinner of the Air Training Corps took place on March 30 at the Officers' Mess, RAF Newton. Air Vice-Marshal M. G. Beavis, Director General of RAF Training, was guest of honour. Other guests were:
Commander M. B. P. Francklin, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Air Marshal Sir Rex Roe, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Support Command, Sir Arthur Marshall, and representatives of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Air Commodore M. J. E. Swiney, Air Officer Commanding Air Cadets and Commandant of the Air Training Corps, presided.

Requiem Mass

Earl of Wicklow
A Requiem Mass for the Earl of Wicklow was celebrated yesterday in the Lady Chapel of Westminster Cathedral by the Bishop of Leeds. Among those present were:
The Countess of Wicklow (widow); the Hon Mrs Niall Chaplin, the Hon Mrs Douglas Woodruff, Sir John Betjeman, Lady (David) Kelly, Mr John Stafford-Moore, the Rev Gerard Irvine, Canon John Breeds, Mrs Marie G. de Voogd, Mrs W. Oldis, Mrs J. Farquhar, Mrs F. W. Chambers, Mrs D. Jackson, Mr Aubrey Noakes, Mrs Charles Byrte, Mrs M. Crichton, Dr H. Howard-Scaffield, Sir Robin McDouall and Mrs Brian FitzGerald.

Alpine plant grower wins gold medal

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The flower and garden equipment show of the Royal Horticultural Society in the New Hall, Westminster, is filled with stands of spring and other decorative plants.

The only gold medal has been awarded to Mrs K. N. Dryden, Sawbridgeworth, for her selection of alpine plants suitable for growing in a medium-size rock garden, alpine house, peat beds or banks, and cold frames. Of particular interest is *Paraquilegia grandiflora* with violet flowers, *Trillium ovatum*, white, and *Kelsea uniflora*, one of the smallest mat-forming shrubs, showing its crimson and white flowers.

Another alpine exhibit has raised *Corydalis solida* 'George Baker', with clusters of attractive pink, pea-like flowers, also *Dionysia aretioides* 'Gravetye', showing as clusters covered with yellow flowers, and a collection of pleiones and helichrysum.

The floral exhibits attracting most attention are the spring flowering trees and shrubs and bulbous plants. Sir Giles Loder, of Ilhorsham, has staged a display of camellias. One side of the stand is devoted to *Camellia reticulata* and various hybrids, including a number of fairly new introductions, many of which grow outdoors in mild climates and which extend the range of places where those plants can be grown.

Among them are *Camellia reticulata* 'Maudalay Queen', deep pink, *Cr* 'Lila Naff', pale pink, and the hybrids 'Fire Chief', deep red, 'Grand Jury', pink, and 'Parkside', pale pink.

Other spring flowering trees and shrubs are *Prunus tomentosa*, with pale pink flowers and early spring green leaves, *Pieris formosa forestii* 'Jermyns', which combines sprays of white and red flowers with red stems, Daphne 'Julia', a miniature with pale pink clusters, *Corylopsis veitchianus*, with small deep crimson flowers contrasting with its silvery leaves edged with white, and the variegated leaved *Acer negundo variegata*.

Narcissi may be seen in abundance. As well as some popular favourites are newer and more expensive varieties.

The committee gave awards of merit to the following plants:

Rhododendron bergii, pinkish mauve, Rhododendron smithii, crimson red, and Rhododendron ecloctoum, off-white, from R. N. Stephenson Clarke, Haywards Heath; *Fritillaria hermonis* sp Linana, green and purple, and Ranunculus millefoliatus, yellow, from the Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Narcissus 'Bryanston', yellow from J. W. Blanchard, Blandford; Narcissus 'Loch Hope', white and orange from J. S. B. Lea, Stourport; and Berberis linearifolia 'Jewel', orange and yellow, from H. Hillier, Hillier Nurseries, Winchester.

Some superb daffodil blooms are displayed. Mr J. S. B. Lea, Stourport, has won the Devonshire Trophy for 12 varieties representing not fewer than three divisions, one stem of each; the class for 12 varieties raised by the exhibitor, one stem of each; and the best bloom, with 'Loch Lundie', a beautiful narcissus with a deep yellow perianth and orange corona.

Other principal class winners are B. S. Duncan, Omagh, co Tyrone, six varieties, raised by the exhibitor, one stem of each; J. W. Blanchard, Blandford, miniature narcissi, three species, three stems of each; Mrs H. Dixon, Colchester, miniature narcissi, three hybrids, three stems of each; F. C. Postles, Halesowen, six hybrids representing not fewer than three divisions, three stems of each; also six varieties, representing not fewer than three divisions, one stem of each.

The magnolia and ornamental plant competition has suffered from lack of entries because of the late spring but nevertheless is colourful.

The major prizewinner, for three distinct magnolias in bloom, one flower of each, is R. N. S. Clarke, Haywards Heath.

The show is open again today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr D. H. M. Davies, QC, Mr J. H. Lord and Mr A. W. Bell to be circuit judges. Mr Davies will be assigned to the South Eastern Circuit, and Mr Lord and Mr Bell to *the Northern Circuit*.
Mr R. H. Foster to be County Court Registrar and District Registrar of the High Court in the Doncaster group of courts in succession to Mr Registrar Cane, who is retiring.
Mr A. R. Thatcher, Director of Statistics in the Department of Employment, to be Registrar General for England and Wales in succession to Mr G. Paine, who retires on April 14. Mr Thatcher will also be director of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.
Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford to be secretary of the RAF Benevolent Fund in Scotland in succession to Air Marshal Sir Brian Baker, who is retiring.

Oxford class lists

The following class lists have been issued at Oxford University:

HONOUR MODERATIONS: GREEK AND LATIN LITERATURE

CLASS I: M. H. Ballman, Exeter, Exeter S; R. A. H. Bell, CCC, Sherborne S; R. M. Bradley, CCC, K Edward's S, Birmingham; P. Donoghue, BNC, Hulme GS, Oldham; Bernadette M. Dorr, Wadh, Ursuline HS, Ilford; D. P. Fanthorpe, New, Nottingham HS; Sheila Findlayson, St Anne's, Canabrooke HS; A. A. Furman, St J, Dulwich C; E. T. Greig, BNC, Exeter S; S. W. Hanslip, Magd, Bristol GS; M. A. Hanuli, Worc, Dulwich C; M. F. Heath, Wadh, Harrow Co GS; S. James, St J, Gateshead Sen HS; P. Norton, Worc, St Francis Xavier's C, Liverpool; G. D. L. Ralston, Univ, Hutcheson's GS, Glasgow; D. H. Raynor, Exeter, K Edward's S, Birmingham; G. A. Riley, New, St Francis Xavier's C, Liverpool; F. C. Salow, Trin, Rugby; P. E. Setterthwaite, Univ, Manchester GS; R. C. Small, CCC, The Perse S; M. B. Trapp, CCC, St Paul's S; Josephine R. Turner, Som, Guildford Co GS; Juliet S. Warner, Som, Malvern Girls' C; C. P. Wood, Worc, Merchant Taylors'.

CLASS II: J. D. Agnew, ChCh, Fettes C; I. G. Arthur, Oriel, Monmouth S; M. Atkins, ChCh, Chislehurst and Sidcup S; T. K. Barron, New, Clifton C; Rosalind M. L. Baynes, St Hilda's, Berkhamsted S for Girls; M. J. Bowe, Trin, Monmouth S; P. Burns, BNC, St Francis Xavier's C, Liverpool; N. M. Burrows, Wadh, Manchester GS; Diana R. Burton, Som, Notting Hill and Ealing HS; M. C. K.-Y. Cheng, Keble, Bedford S; Anne M. B. Chorley, St Hilda's, City of Ely C VIth Form Centre; S. M. Coombes, Trin, Whitgift S; D. M. Cranston, CCC, Edinburgh A; S. J. L. Croft, Worc, Heath S, Halifax; E. S. Cumming-Bruce, Magd, Ampleforth; E. P. Curran, Hertf, Howardian HS, Cardiff; G. M. S. Davies, Merton, Winchester; J. H. Davies, Keble, Brentwood S; P. B. Dean, Univ, Mill Hill S; J. E. Derry-Evans, ChCh, Rugby; *Nicola G. Devlin*, LMH, *Badminton S*; E. S. Dismorr, Trin, Magd CS; Helen M. Doran, LMH, St Mary's VIth Form C, Middlesbrough.

G. H. Edwards, Exeter, Solihull VIth Form C; F. M. Engleheart, Worc, Shrewsbury S; A. D. Feeny, Oriel; D. A. Fischel, St J, Cheltenham C; I. R. G. Furnivall, Worc, Liverpool C; J. T. Gaisford-St Lawrence, ChCh, Ampleforth; A. J. Green, BNC, Sir W Turner's S, Redcar; H. M. Greenaway, Jesus, Brentwood S; R. J. Hankinson, Balliol, Highgate S; P. M. Hanley, BNC, J. Fisher S, Purley; A. G. Hannan, Pemb, Bury GS; M. S. Heap, Magd, Kingswood S; A. I. C. Hockton, Ball, Lancing C; M. V. Houghton-Berry, Exeter, Blundell's S; R. A. E. Hunt, Trin, Uppingham S; P. G. S. Huntrods, Merton, Uppingham S; J. S. Hutchinson, New, Manchester GS; M. F. M. Johnson, Wadh, Manchester GS; P. R. Johnston, Worc, Fettes C; Alison M. Jones, LMH, St Helen's S, Northwood; Alwine Jones, LMH, West Kirby GS; Felicity J. Lawrence, St Anne's, Ursuline Convent HS, Wimbledon; W. J. Lawrence, Magd, Shrewsbury S; P. R. Leckie, CCC, Fettes C; Elizabeth T. M. Lynam, St Hilda's, Brighton and Hove HS.

J. D. A. Macleod, Linc, Radley C; C. G. R. Manby, Merton, Shrewsbury S; C. B. Megone, Oriel, Charterhouse; P. A. Miles, Pemb, Stowe S; G. S. Monck, ChCh, Eton; S. B. Montgomery, Magd, Newcastle RGS; R. A. L. Murphy, ChCh, Westminster; T. J. N. Naish, St J, Merchant Taylors' S, Crosby; Imogen J. Parker, St Anne's, Hitchin Girls' S; M. A. Pepera, Trin, Harrow; Patricia A. Perrin, Jesus, Kendrick S, Reading; C. S. Pigott, Ball, Westminster; N. C. R. Pleasance, Trin, Rugby; K. Quinn, Pemb, Barnsley Holgate GS; M. J. Rabone, BNC, K Henry VIII S, Coventry; A. Reed, Ball, Bede S; N. A. Reeder, Jesus, Alleyn's S, Dulwich; D. J. Reynolds, Trin, Brentwood S; S. J. Ridley, St Pet C, Birkenhead S; B. J. Rigal, Queen's, St Paul's S, Barnes; Nicola S. Rowbottom, St Hilda's, Walthamstow Hall S, Sevenoaks; M. Saban, Pemb, Mill Hill S; S. J. E. Salem, CCC, Wyggeston GS; A. P. Schweitzer, Merton, Charterhouse; Aldona K. Siemaszko, St Hilda's, St Anne's C, Sanderstead; A. H. W. Smith, CCC, Clifton C; *T. H. Smithies, St J, Harrow*; R. C. Spence, Merton, K Henry VIII C, Coventry; O. D. Storrs-Fox, Queen's, Christ's Hosp; Jane L. Sturges, St Hilda's, Princess Mary S, Halifax; D. J. Suckling, Univ, High Wycombe RGS; N. D. F. Swan, Worc, Dean Close S, Cheltenham; P. R. Toll, Wadh, Holgate S, Barnsley; T. M. Waller, St J, Raynes Park HS; A. S. Wilks, Linc, Magd CS; Josephine M. Yates, St Anne's, Ursuline Convent, Wimbledon.

CLASS III: G. C. Allen, Oriel, Uppingham S; S. P. S. Barter, Pemb, St Paul's S; A. G. Brown, Merton, Wolstanton Co GS; R. M. Cordy, New, K. King's S, Canterbury; K. J. Craig, Hertf, Brentwood S; P. W. Davies, Oriel, Highgate S; Melinda R. Diamond, LMH, Queen's S, Chester; T. H. Farrell, Merton, The Perse S; Katharine L. Fletcher, St Hug's, St Mary's Hall, Brighton; A. P. C. Fuggle, Oriel, Harrow; R. Gardner, Exeter, Glyn GS, Ewell; Elizabeth J. Hall, Som, Woking Co GS; Martha C. Kearney, St Anne's, George Watson Ladies' C, Edinburgh; R. I. H. Long, Oriel, Wellington C; J. C. W. Longbottom, Queen's, Qu Elizabeth GS, Wakefield; M. C. Lynas, *Pemb, Methodist C, Belfast; Moira F.* McPherson, St Hugh's, St Alban's HS; Katharine R. Miller, St Hugh's, Benenden S; Bridget A. O'Connor, St Hugh's, St Helena S, Chesterfield; J. C. Randles, Keble, St Lawrence C, Ramsgate; R. J. Ratcliffe, Pemb, Manchester GS; J. C. Roberts, Oriel, Birkenhead S; G. C. Shotter, Keble, King's S, Rochester; N. T. J. Swarbrick, Magd, St Ignatius' C, Enfield; G. Vicat, Ch Ch, Lancing C; N. H. Webb, Wadh, Coventry S.

HONOUR MODERATIONS: LATIN LITERATURE WITH GREEK

CLASS I: None.

CLASS II: Susan Allison, St Hugh's, Boston HS; D. S. N. Hedley, Ball, Newcastle RGS; G. P. Morgan, Pemb, Harvey GS, Folkestone; Maria del C. Wyke, Som, Conv of the Sacred Heart, Hammersmith.

CLASS III: Alison M. Busby, Jesus, Presbyterian Ladies' C, Melbourne; Elizabeth L. Coll, Som, Howell's S, Llandaff; S. J. Pugh, Keble, Worcester RGS.

D indicates candidate adjudged worthy of distinction in Greek.

University news

Oxford
Sir Ieuan Maddock, FRS, chief scientist of the Department of Industry, has been pre-elected Principal of St Edmund Hall, to succeed Canon J. N. D. Kelly on August 1, 1979.

Elections
ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE. Official fellows and tutors: Dr K. W. S. Roberts, economics; Dr R. C. Bennet-Clark, zoology; Dr Jose Harris, modern history. CEGB research fellow in applied mathematics: Dr J. Norbury. Supernumerary fellow: Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien. Professorial fellow from April 1, 1979: Dr J. R. Pole, Rhodes Professor-elect in American history and institutions.
ST EDMUND HALL. Official tutorial fellowship in geology: H. C. Jenkyns, PhD (Leic), MA (Cantab), from Oct 1.

OBITUARY

BRIGADIER M. F. GREGG, V.C.

Services to Canada in war and peace

Brigadier Milton Fowler Gregg, VC, CBE, MC, died in Canada on March 13 at the age of 82.

After winning the Victoria Cross and other decorations in the First World War, he had a varied and distinguished career in civilian life as Serjeant at Arms of the House of Commons at Ottawa, as President of the University of New Brunswick and as a member of Federal Ministries for nine years.

Gregg was born and reared in New Brunswick. Soon after the outbreak of the First World War he enlisted in the 13th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Army and went overseas with it. After service in France he was given a commission in the King's Loyal Lancashire Regiment of the British Army. After a few months, however, he secured a transfer to the Royal Canadian Regiment in which he later gained a magnificent record as a first class fighting soldier. In earlier actions he won the Military Cross and a Bar before he was awarded the Victoria Cross "for most conspicuous bravery and initiative during operations near Cambrai between September 27 and October 2, 1918. On September 28 the advance of his brigade was held up by fire from both flanks and thick uncut wire. He crawled forward alone and explored the wire until he found a small gap through which he led his men and forced an entry into the enemy's trench. The enemy counter-attacked in strength and through lack of bombs the situation became critical. Although severely wounded Gregg returned alone under terrific fire and collected a further supply of bombs. Then rejoining his party, which was by this time much reduced in numbers, in spite of a second wound he reorganized his men and led them with great determination against the enemy's trenches. He personally killed or wounded all of the enemy and took 25 prisoners. Remaining with his company in spite of his wounds, he again on September 30 led his men in attack until wounded a third time." This fine exploit also earned Gregg promotion and he ended the war as Brigade Major of the 16th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

After demobilization he turned to business in Halifax until in 1934 he was appointed Serjeant at Arms for the Federal House of Commons. He held this post for five years. In 1939, soon after the Second World War began, he rejoined the Canadian Army and went to Europe as second-in-command of the Western Nova Scotia Regiment. He served with credit in various posts until he retired with the rank of brigadier in 1944. Back in Canada he was appointed to the presidency of the University of New Brunswick and, although his academic qualifications for such a post were not high, he proved a sound and progressive administrator of university affairs.

Hitherto he had been a supporter of the Conservative Party but in 1947 was persuaded to accept the nomination for the York-Sunbury Division, New Brunswick, seat and was elected to the Federal Liberal Ministry then in power. He was appointed Minister of Fisheries and admitted to the Privy Council of Canada. In the subsequent administration he was successively Minister of Veterans' Affairs and Minister of Labour.

After losing his seat in 1957, he went as resident representative of the UNO at Baghdad. After a year in Iraq he served with the UNO's Children's Fund in Indonesia from 1960 to 1963. He was made an officer of the Order of Canada in 1967.

He was twice married.

MR RAY NOBLE

Mr Ray Noble, the English-born bandleader and song writer who worked for many years in the United States, died in London on April 2. He was 71.

The romantic songs that he wrote, among them "Goodnight Sweetheart", "Love is the sweetest thing", "The Touch of your Lips", and "The Very thought of you", were immensely popular, sold in great numbers, and are still played.

Noble was a gifted arranger and had worked in that capacity for Jack Payne and for HMV. In the mid-1930s he went to the United States to lead the band at the Rainbow Room in New York where his trombonist was Glenn Miller. Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist, was part of his act and he later conducted the orchestra for Bergen's radio show for some 15 years, serving as a foil for Bergen's dummy Charlie McCarthy. Noble also played for the Jack Benny and Burns and Allen radio shows.

He leaves a widow.

Mr Bernard Norris Tattersall, administrative General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, died on March 16, at the age of 62.

Major Patrick Hunter Gordon, C.B.E., M.C., who died suddenly in road accident on March 28 at the age of 61, was a Deputy Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace for *Inverness-shire*.

Sir Ferguson Crawford, K.B.E., C.M.G., who died on March 28 at the age of 83, was Governor of the Northern Province of Sudan from 1942 to 1944 and from 1946 to 1960 was Head of the Middle East Development Division (Foreign Office).

PROF V. C. MORTON

A gifted teacher

Professor V. C. Morton, head of the Department of Pure Mathematics at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, from 1926 to 1961, died on Easter Sunday at the age of 81.

Vernon Charles Morton was born in Sheffield. Educated at the King Edward VII School, *Sheffield, and Merton College*, Oxford, of which he was a scholar, he served in the Royal Corps of Signals during 1916-19. On his return he became in turn Junior and Senior Mathematical Scholar of the University of Oxford. After one year on the staff of Brighton Technical College he was appointed *lecturer in pure mathematics* at the University College of Wales in 1923 and was promoted to independent lecturer and head of department in 1926 and professor in 1933. On his retirement in 1961 he was appointed head of the Mathematics Department at St David's College, Lampeter, for the years 1961-66.

At Oxford in 1921-22 his research was in algebra under Professor A. L. Dixon, but after his appointment to Aberystwyth his research interests changed to geometry and he worked on invariants of curves and on point representations of families of curves and published a series of beautiful and elegant papers on the cubic surface. A gifted teacher and a stimulating lecturer, clear, cogent and logical, the elegance of his presentation inspired his students with his own love of mathematics and aroused their appreciation of its beauty.

Morton rendered valuable services to the University of Wales and to the College in many capacities contributing much as dean of the Faculty of Arts, twice dean of the faculty of science and vice-principal. His most notable service to the college was as acting principal in 1957-58 at a time when his wisdom and charity were of inestimable value. Wise in counsel and disinterested in judgment, his integrity and magnanimity, kindness and humour will long be remembered with gratitude by his colleagues and students.

In 1925 he married Olive Norris, who survives him with their son.

Lady Keevil, widow of Sir Ambrose Keevil, KBE, MC, formerly chairman of Fitch Lovell, Ltd, died on March 8 at the age of 86. She was Dorothy Pearsall, daughter of Arthur Andrews and she was married in 1918. Her husband died in 1973.

Lady Cox, widow of Brigadier Sir Matthew Cox, CIE, OBE, MC, died on February 22. She was Margaret Goddard, daughter of E. S. Gale, FRIBA, and she was married in 1924. Her husband died in 1966.

Science report

Analgesics: High claims for new drug

A pain-killer which is claimed to be longer-lasting, more easily tolerated and four times stronger than aspirin was launched in London yesterday.

The action of the drug, which like aspirin is a salicylate derivative, is said to last up to 12 hours, so if it is taken at night it can reduce morning pain and stiffness.

Scientists have been searching *for an improved aspirin*, a *new* effective salicylate derivative, since aspirin was first synthesized in Germany in the 1890s. Almost 2,000 tons of aspirin is consumed in Britain each year, but it causes side-effects, such as gastro-intestinal bleeding.

The new analgesic, known as diflunisal, was developed after 14 years' study in the United States by Merck Sharp and Dohme Research Laboratories, but it will be manufactured exclusively in Britain. A £15m plant being built at Ponders End, Middlesex, is expected to be in operation by the end of the year.

Mr Bernard Crowley, chairman of Merck Sharp and Dohme Ltd, predicted yesterday that over 10 years the drug could earn £200m in foreign currency. It had been registered in Denmark and Belgium and was close to registration in Sweden and France.

The drug, whose trade name is Dolobid, costs £4.10 for 50 tablets, which is almost 30 times as much as aspirin. Approved by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines late last year, it will be available only on prescription.

Dr Edward Huskisson, consultant physician in the Department of Rheumatology, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, said *yesterday that he had been in*volved in trials in the hospital and general practice.

Two groups of 900 patients were given a short course of analgesics by their general practitioners. One group took aspirin four times a day, the second Dolobid twice a day.

Results showed that Dolobid was slightly more effective than aspirin, even though it was only being taken twice a day, and the side-effects were considerably less, he said. Intestinal bleeding was half as common again in those taking aspirin.

Dr Lewis Sarett, senior vice president of Merck and Company Inc who synthesized cortisone, said that about 500 compounds were synthesized before the molecule was developed.

The molecule is similar to acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin), but the acetyl group has been removed and a phenyl group with two *fluorines added*.

By a Staff Reporter

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THE ARTS

Side by side with Julia McKenzie



Alan Ayckbourn's *Ten Times Table*, which reaches the West End tonight after its Scarborough premiere last year, is the one about the committee organizing a local pageant, and as such is one of his less dark comedies, though observers have seen in the pageant a metaphor for the state of Britain. For once, some of the Scarborough cast have been allowed to stay with the play, and joining them are such other tried and tested "Ayckbourn people" as Paul Eddington and Julia McKenzie, who took over from Penelope Wilton in *The Norman Conquests* three years ago.

At that time Miss McKenzie was the West End's takeover queen: in show after show, from *Company* to *Cole*, she'd inherit one of the leading roles a year or so into the run, thereby building up a considerable reputation in the trade while remaining almost totally unknown to first-night critics.

Since then, of course, her luck has changed: *Side by Side by Sondheim* made her a star here and on Broadway, while a current ITV series (*Maggie and Her*) has given her an audience outside the theatre as well:

"Almost as soon as I got home from the Broadway run of *Side by Side* Alan rang me and said he thought he owed me one for taking over in *The Norman Conquests* and how would I like to play the Duchess of Dorset in the pageant and be the committee chairman's wife, so here I am."

Born 35 years ago, the daughter of an Enfield works accountant, Julia McKenzie thought she was going to teach French for a living until a county music adviser heard her singing solos in school concerts and said he could get her a scholarship to the Guildhall:

"It seemed an easier life than teaching French, so I went along and got the scholarship; but once at the Guildhall I found all I wanted to do was watch the drama students rehearse; only, because I was classified as a singer, they never let me do more than carry spears and stand around a lot. Then I doddled along looking for a job and finally I got to understudy *Rose Marie* in a David Whitfield tour, and one night the lady had tonsillitis and I went on, and that was how all the takeovers really started. I carried on with that tour for about six months because Whitfield liked me, and after we'd been going that long the director came to have a look at me for the first time and said 'Keep it up, my dear, and in ten years you'll be a jolly good little comedienne', which I don't think was quite what I wanted my Rose Marie to convey."

After another year in *Rose Marie*, Julia McKenzie got her first West End job understudying Rachel Roberts in *Maggie May*:

"She came along, Rachel did, to the Broadway opening of *Side by Side by Sondheim* and came backstage afterwards to say she'd never known I could sing like that. The early years weren't so good really: long periods out of work when I had to go off and sing *Danny Boy* at working men's clubs and all that. I never seemed to get any television or film work, so it was just the clubs or taking over in shows like *Promises Promises* or doing bits in *Mame*, that kind of thing.

"Then one of the American stars of *Company* collapsed and I took over that long 'Barcelona' number and after that people began to notice: Stanley Baxter came one night and then came back the next afternoon to the matinee to see if I worked as well in the middle of the afternoon, and when he'd decided I was all right he gave me a bit to do in his television series and from that I got *The Two Ronnies* and a disastrous David Frost series and since then it's been more or less all right."

Five members of the cast got divorced during the run of *Company*, Stephen Sondheim's acid musical about New York marital non-bliss: Julia McKenzie was, typically, the only one actually to marry during the run. Her husband is Jerry Harte, the American director and actor, and it was at the time of their marriage and the *Company* run that she and David Kernan began doing the Sunday night concerts which led eventually to *Side by Side by Sondheim*.

"We used to work at Cleo Laine's Wavendon Festival every year, and one time we decided to do a whole Sondheim evening there and somebody in the audience, unknown to us, sent Stephen a tape and he liked it very much, so then we began trying to sell the show around London. At first no management would touch the idea of it, but then I heard from an actor friend that the Mermaid had an unexpected five-week gap in their programme, so we took it in there and the rest you know."

Still playing in London and on Broadway, and one of the most successful musicals of the '70s:

"The three things I really wanted in my life were my own television series, a hit on Broadway and a revival of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Now there's only *Annie* left to do: but I doubt that anything will ever again be quite as exciting as *Side by Side by Sondheim*. On our last night at Wyndham's before going to Broadway we were like a Davis Cup team: people ran on to the stage with flowers and good-luck tokens, and we got eighteen curtain calls, and at the end the audience was still standing there cheering and we didn't know what else to do so idiotically we joined hands and sang 'Auld Lang Syne'. If we'd failed on Broadway after that send-off I think we'd have had to shoot ourselves."

On the first night at the Music Box Theatre on Broadway, Julia McKenzie went into the "Broadway Baby" number only to hear a man in the first row turn to his wife and mutter "Jesus, she's gonna sing it like *that*?" All the same they had another massive success, Millicent Martin found an American husband (and is still doing the Sondheim show out in California) and Miss McKenzie returned to London having discovered that after two years' singing the same lyrics night in and night out her memory was playing tricks:

"I began blacking out on some of the words, and I knew then it was time to give it up and do another show, so I left the cast, though I long to do another Sondheim over here—maybe one of the unknown scores like *Follies* or *Anyone Can Whistle* if only somebody would stage them. I think there should be a society for the singing of unknown Sondheim songs; I'm also working with Millie Martin on a two-woman show which we want to do for Broadway, though I'm hoping that the Ayckbourn will last me through this year.

"There's not a lot of work for middle-aged musical comedy ladies in Britain, which is why I'm very glad to have the TV series and straight theatre work as well, to tide me over until I can play all the old Ethel Merman parts. Musicals are still what I most enjoy, and there's one (Julie Styne's *Peter Pan*) which has never been seen or heard over here and which has one of the best Broadway scores of all time.

"Mary Martin played it in America but until now they've never allowed a musical *Peter* in this country; Mr Styne's given me the rights and Stanley Baxter wants to play Hook, so all we need now is a producer and a theatre."

Having played the Mary Martin LP so often over the past 20 years that it now has holes where the grooves used to be, I'm inclined to hope they find one.

Sheridan Morley

Muzzling the cynic

Chicken Soup with Barley
Shaw

Irving Wardle

If ever there was a play to muzzle the cynic it is this extraordinary document of the 1950s, now receiving a long overdue revival in the Dolphin Company's full production of Arnold Wesker's *Trilogy*.

Chicken Soup with Barley is a textbook example of the first play that young writers are supposed to "get out of their system" before producing something worth while. Spanning 20 quarrelsome years, it shows a Wesker obsessively squaring accounts with the family, linking domestic experience with the state of the nation, introducing a tormented would-be artist hero, and sending the audience away with a message in their hearts. The effect ought to be unspeakable. As it happens in Anthony Cornish's production, it is precisely the moving and illuminating work of every apprentice playwright's dreams.

Wesker had the starting advantage of taking his material from an East End Jewish family; and when the piece first appeared there was the sheer ethnic fascination of eavesdropping on a group of people to whom the operation of world Communism was as immediate a concern as unemployment, marriages, and getting the dinner on. Going out to do battle with the Mosleyites in the first act, Sarah Kahn characteristically picks up a red flag in one hand and a rolling pin in the other.

But what gives the piece its abiding strength, politically as well as personally, is the piercingly truthful study of the Kahns' marriage. "If you don't care you'll die", is Sarah's parting word, and evidently Wesker's as well; having just shown how much damage she has done by caring. A lifelong Communist who sees the social utopia as an extension of Jewish home life, she is finally reduced to solitude with the incontinent wreck of a husband she has always despised.

We first see Harry through her eyes, as a habitual liar and work dodger. By degrees Wesker allows us to understand him as a pitiful example of the "artist type", feebly trying to fit into the actual world, but driving Sarah mad by keeping his mind permanently shut against her. "Talk to me!" she screams, thus bringing on his first heart attack.

Barbara Young and Martin Friend enable you to see all round and through this lacerating tragi-comic relationship in such a way that it is quite impossible to take sides. Among the comrades and children who stealthily slip away from the battlefield, there are particularly good performances from Jack Chissick and Adrienne Posta.

Seeing and believing

Rumpole of the Bailey
Thames

Stanley Reynolds

A great character actor like Leo McKern looking like an overladen Spanish galleon, spouring great chunks of Wordsworth and snatches of Shakespeare in a drama which was full of the minutiae of the legal profession is hardly the stuff that popular independent television stories are made of. But the viewer should remember that franchise time is coming round again and the commerical companies will be wearing a pious look.

That piece of evidence is, however, hardly admissible. John Mortimer, the distinguished writer and barrister, with the first of *Rumpole of the Bailey*, a six-part drama from Thames, has a thoroughly old-fashioned-seeming story, very literary, and with a large and fine cast led by Mr McKern as Rumpole. Perhaps, after all, this will tickle the public's fancy. Mr Mortimer, Mr McKern, and their producer, Irene Shubik, and director, Herbert Wise, may be on a winner, one of those series which grows on one after the oddity of its particular world becomes a bit more familiar.

Horace Rumpole, with his rolling walk and cigar smoking, reminded one of that splendid performance by Charles Laughton in *Witness for the Prosecution*. But then all barristers seem to talk like Charles Laughton. Monday's episode set the character of Rumpole and his chambers. Rumpole loves the stench of the Old Bailey. Unlike his young rival Guthrie Featherstone (played by the excellent Peter Bowles doing his arch-smarmy manner) old Rumpole does not want to become a QC. He does not mind even losing out to Featherstone as head of chamber. Nor did he mind his own son deciding not to go into the law but to read PPE at Oxford instead. Indeed, under the rather slight plot about the colourful Cockney criminal family and the old jokes about judges, the earnest face of John Mortimer peeped out. He was making a serious point about men and society not getting their priorities right. It was a point worth scoring. And Mr McKern is always a pleasure to watch and to listen to: indeed, how nice it was to watch television and have something to listen to as well.

Perlman/Ashkenazy
Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

Perhaps on the strength of a widely acclaimed recording, there was a packed house when Itzhak Perlman and Vladimir Ashkenazy joined forces for the first of three Monday recitals carrying them, within a fortnight, through Beethoven's 10 sonatas for violin and piano. Wisely the cycle has not been planned chronologically. Nevertheless they began at the beginning with the D major sonata, Op 12 No 1 and its companion in E flat (Op 12, No 3) also of 1797, before jumping to the Kreutzer after the interval.

With their innumerable solo engagements in all parts of the globe, it is not likely that these two artists can spend much of their lives together. Yet they play like an inseparable duo. This is not just a matter of timing, balance and general give and take, but rather the way they approach the music. Everything they did was urgently motivated, but always strength of feeling was subjected to stylish classic discipline. Personal idiosyncrasy was absolutely taboo.

Obviously it was the Kreutzer, contemporaneous with the Eroica that allowed them fullest scope. Its slow introduction gave warning that big issues were at stake.

In the first movement nothing was more exciting than Mr Ashkenazy's burning defiance in the E minor third subject, and his biting sforzandos towards the end. The andante, taken leisurely, brought exquisitely finished, filigree detail from Mr Perlman. In the fourth variation both artists led us into some enchanted summer garden. It was pure ravishment. In the finale their tingling rhythm won the day.

Both early sonatas were done with great fluency and ingratiating lyrical tone, yet the voltage behind movements marked *con brio* or *con spirito* and constant relish of harmonic surprise made it impossible to mistake the composer for anyone but Beethoven. The visionary slow movement of the E flat work, particularly its middle section, was all the more breathtaking for subtle restraint.

Leonard Rosoman: a dual effect

The type of stylised random patterning found in marble or on sunlit water spills across the surface of much of Leonard Rosoman's work. Some of the paintings now at The Fine Art Society (until Friday) actually depict water or marble, but pieced and patterned shapes, delicately coloured, occur frequently in others too. One is conscious always of a dual effect: the thin curtain of abstract shapes, and the narrative content of these deeply realistic paintings. But although it is always easy to see what is happening physically, it is usually impossible to discern the emotional implications of the events. The actions of people fighting inside an American train, or swimming at Long Island, or gathering urgently around a table in London, are impervious to interpretation. They seem, in fact, much more close to the indiscriminate marble and water patternings, than to any verbal explanation grounded in psychology or social history. Even in two San Francisco paintings, where figures on a steep street are as full of verve as a modern dance company, there are no painterly clues to the mood behind the scene.

Going round the exhibition I started to try to analyse the difference between the unexplained incidents in Rosoman's paintings and those in Carel Weight's work. I was beginning to decide that Rosoman observes happenings objectively and then meticulously subjects them to his style, while Weight breathes a good deal of his own obsessions into what he sees, when I came to a work which actually included a representation of a Weight painting: *The Pianist, London: Carel Weight and Bombois*. This seemed to confirm the link, but made further analysis prosaic. It was like seeing a friendly reference in one director's film to a frame from another's.

Rosoman's method has sometimes inflicted a static quality amounting to indifference on to a painting. However, in the American landscape paintings, *Train Leaving, New Mexico, Train Disappearing, New Mexico*, and *Train on a Curve: The Painted Desert*, his ability to encompass and stratify several different types of visual and social experiences within one canvas has produced indelible images.

They are images that contain no rhetoric, but they are wilful—in the now obsolete sense that they patently "proceed from the will" of the artist. Louis le Brocquy's studies of James Joyce (Gimpel until April 15), on the other hand, were, he writes, "jerked into coherence by a series of scrutinized accidents": "neither my will nor my skill has played any essential part in these studies. For the fact is that many of them emerged entirely under my ignorant left hand—my right hand being for some months immobilized in plaster." I would strongly dispute the absence of skill—they seem technically to be superbly manipulated and orchestrated—but I wondered if the absence of will contributed to what seemed to me to be a lack of resonance. By this I mean that the immensely versatile images of Joyce (drawn from photographs and death-mask) are in some ways flawless, yet they lack the autograph of an obsessed will that clutches willy-nilly at the observer—as in, say, Giacometti's portraits.

That kind of strength may be found in some of the paintings at the Belgrave Gallery's *Jewish Artists of Great Britain* (1845-1945) (until April 16), especially the Bombergs and Gertler's *The Merry-Go-Round*. Among the well-known names (Epstein, Rosenberg, Meninsky, Rothenstein) there is a pleasing interior of the National Gallery by Lily Delissa Joseph who in 1912 put an announcement in the *Jewish Chronicle* stating that she "was unable to receive her friends at the Private View of her pictures, as she was detained at Holloway Gaol, on a charge in connexion with Women's Suffrage Movement".

Reynolds Stone's watercolours of English dells and woodland edges (New Grafton until tomorrow) are entirely untaxing, but truthful to their subjects; done with conventional dexterity, they contain no mannered short-cuts.

Paddy Kitchen

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First Blush
Crucible Studio, Sheffield

Ned Chaillet

At night, Iris plays organ in the Lower Pits Working Men's Club in a duo called Iris and Larry. During the day, she works in a Sheffield knife factory. Her way of life is threatened by a plan for a discotheque in the club, but for the moment her loveless life is buoyed up by a flirtation with a miner, a widower clearly weary of devoting his life to his teenage son. She has recently been joined in the factory by a young Irish woman, a girl frustrated with limitations and who, despite her denials of simplicity and her revelations of sensitivity, in the confession, seems incapable of thinking clearly or acting sensibly.

Because this is a devised play constructed by a dramatic disciple of Mike Leigh, it is to be expected that the characters will meet, and at the meeting, will expose the differences that the actors have carefully improvised. There is a special quality of affection in Sarah Pia Anderson's work, however, that gives the characters an individual dignity beyond their comical or foolish exteriors. Miss Anderson once again, as she did in *Blisters*, reveals something touching, funny and human about people who would normally have no dramatic voice.

Miss Anderson does not overload her fragile construction with incident. Her characters do not so much clash, as slowly grate against one another. The miner's son, willing to brag to his father about his own sexual conquests, solemnly obstructs the relationship with Iris.

Iris, in a meticulous performance by Sandra Voe, evolves from being a helpful workmate to revealing herself as a petty tyrant, in despair at being middle-aged and alone. The girl, Kath, makes one timid step towards communication, but, hopelessly, with the wrong person, with the father.

Kay Adshead is Kath, Patrick Murray is the son and both give rich, detailed and somewhat mannered performances. Oddly, however, it is Peter Ellis as the father, who hints the most at private depths, though he reveals the least through conversation and statement. The characters are not free of their own personalities, but Mr Ellis shows that people also cannot be free of the need for other people.

Plaques for the Philharmonia

The Philharmonia Orchestra and Philharmonia Chorus were each presented with a marble plaque after their two concerts in Barcelona with Carlo Maria Giulini last week. The plaques were from the concert promoters, Pro Musica, in recognition of the steadfast relationship which has now been established between them.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Mitchell Cotts holds its own despite S African connexion

By Victor Felstead

Mitchell Cotts Group did not expect to do as well in 1977-78 as it did the year before. In the event, the figures for the half-year to December 31 show pre-tax profits of £4.58m, against £4.63m. Turnover slipped from £133.31m to £124.74m.

Mr P. P. Dunkley, chairman, comments that profits held up in spite of a reduced contribution from South Africa and the unfavourable effect of exchange rate movements in the half-year.

As indicated, the board believes that, mainly because of continuing lower figures from South Africa, the full year's results will be below last year's record pre-tax profit of £11.66m.

However, th eyear's net profit attributable to the group, after extraordinary items, is still expected to show an increase, although this may be "somewhat less" than originally envisaged. An unchanged interim dividend of 1p gross is being paid.

Mitchell has operating companies in 15 countries. Their main activities cover engineering, freight, transport and storage, vehicle distribution and agriculture.

Chase ends German retail banking

Chase Manhattan Bank's German subsidiary is closing the 20 branch retail banking operation which it first launched in 1973. Chase said that Familienbank, which employs 150 people, had failed to penetrate its target market and it will be closed by the end of next month. Its customer loan accounts are being transferred to Bankhause Centrale Credit AG, a bank linked to the Bank of America, which has branches in most of the same towns as Familienbank.

Samuel in Carlton theatre conversion

Samuel Properties has bought from Twentieth Century-Fox the leasehold interest in the Carlton Theatre in London's Haymarket, which it will redevelop as a cinema and office complex. It has agreed to lease the theatre to Intereuropean Property Holdings, which will be carrying out conversion and refurbishment to provide a three-cinema complex for operation by its subsidiary, Classic Cinemas.

At the rear of the theatre in St Albans St, Samuel proposes building an air-conditioned office block of about 30,000 sq ft.

English China Clays drilling extended

Drilling for tungsten and tin on land owned by English China Clays near Plymouth by Amax Exploration and Hemerdon Mining and Smelting is to be extended to land adjacent to the Hemerdon Ball prospect. Tere, Amax and Hemerdon have committed themselves to the third phase of exploration at a cost of $1m to $1.5m. ECC will receive mineral royalties and the right to any clay produced from the new area if mining proceeds.

Molins getting over last year's problems

A more optimistic outlook for 1978 is forecast by Sir Stephen Brown, chairman of Molins, the international precision engineer, in his annual statement. For the tobacco machinery division, Sir Stephen thinks that 1978 promises to be a better year with trading profit increasing on higher sales. He adds: "he setback in group trading profits we experienced last year was due to the unexpectedly poor results of the paper and packaging machinery division; and has been a great disappointment to us all following, as it does, a five-year period of steady growth for the group.

"The outlook for the current year is, however, brighter, and subject only to unforeseen events your board anticipates that both sales and profits in 1978 will be higher than in 1977. Looking further ahead we are making steady progress towards our goal of being leaders in all our products".

Good times roll at Appleyard Group

Last year, the pre-tax profits of the Appleyard Group reached £1.46m, compared with the estimate made in February of about £1.47m, and £1.36m for 1976. Turnover went up from £77.33m to £89.66m. As known, a total gross dividend of 7.44p is being paid for 1977, against 6.76p. The forecast of dividends totalling 9.46p gross for 1978 is confirmed. Mr Ian Appleyard, British Leyland chairman, reports that 1978 has started well. The group's car sales are rising each month, and the three recently-bought Ford Main dealerships are making a "very useful contribution" to profits.

Yearling bonds jump to 8¼ per cent

Up again goes the coupon on local authority bonds from 7¾ per cent to 8¼ per cent—the highest rate this year. The biggest borrower this week is Glasgow with £2m, while London and Renfrew are each raising £1m. Variable bonds are preferred by Strathclyde at £1.5m, Central Regional Council and Bolton each with £1m, and South Cambridgeshire at £500,000.

Discount scheme at Henderson-Kenton extended

Henderson-Kenton, the retail furnishing group, is to extend its 10 per cent shareholder discount scheme to individual members of unit trusts for a trial period of one year from April 1.

The discount offered to unit holders is off items not already reduced in any of the group's branches trading as "Kentons" in England and "Hendersons" in Scotland. The same facility has been enjoyed by ordinary shareholders since December, 1976.

To qualify, a unit trust must hold at least 20,000 Henderson-Kenton ordinary shares in its own name. This latter requirement is to avoid "umbrella" holdings covering several trusts.

A customer will have to present his original unit certificate to Henderson-Kenton at the time of buying, or the group has to receive written verification of the individual's holding from the trust within two weeks of an order being placed in the store.

Volvo leading Lex to new high ground

By Ronald Pullen

After the traumas of the past four years, Lex Service Group is now reasonably firmly based with a stronger balance sheet and encouraging trading prospects to match.

Mr Trevor Chinn, chairman, is "cautiously optimistic" about the outcome for this year. This should mean pre-tax profits of around £17m compared with last year's £12.5m.

His confidence stems from the birghter outlook for the United Kingdom car market where registrations were some 23 pe rcent ahead in the first quarter of this year.

More important to the group, however, is the increasing penetration of Volvo, where Lex holds the United Kingdom concession, whose sales reached their highest ever level in the first three months, despite the poor reception to its small 343 series.

Meanwhile, Lex is looking to build on the growing strength of its other divisions, particularly the fork-lift truck and transportation sides, although th latter depended largely on the level of retail sales.

Hotel operations are continuing to do well, according to Mr Chinn with the pre-interest return on capital now matching that in the rest of the group at around 20 per cent. The sale of the Carlton Tower to the still unidentified Proteus Group while benefiting the balance sheet will lnot cut too deeply into profits.



Mr Trevor Chinn, chairman of Lex Service Group

Last year Lex derived operating profits of £2.3m from the Carlton Tower and the management contract it still has on th> hotel lis worth £700,000 a year while there will be a corresponding drop in interest charges. The shares gained 2p to 76p.

Scottish Metropolitan revaluation in July

By Ray Maughan

The Scottish Metropolitan Property share price of 105p, up 2p yesterday, has long been anticipating the results of the current property revaluation. It is further underpinned by the expected upsurge in rack rental income.

Properties are now mostly in the books at 1973 values which amount to 76p per share on a fully diluted basis. Scottish Metropolitan expects the results of the present revaluation sometime in the latter part of July, and it is likely that, other than new nevelopments and acquisition, the portfolio will reveal a strong rise in shop property values.

The income front, for the moment, is a case of jam tomorrow. Last November, the board headed by Mr Isidore Walton estimated that existing rack rental income would rise by 80 per cent in the five years to 1982, which implies a compound growth rate of 12.25 per cent.

Net revenue growth from properties in the six months ended February 15 last falls just short of the projected rate with a gain of 11 per cent to £1.38m.

But a substantial number of reversions due this year fall in the second six months which, together with some current prelet developments producing income for the first time, should greatly increase the level of rents receivable.

Pre-tax profits rose by £39,000 to £539,000 at the interim stage, leaving attributable earnings at £379,000 against £347,000. The dividend is hoisted from the equivalent of 0.82p to 0.9p per share.

Down from £675,000 to £134,000 pre-tax last year, attributable profits from Law Land climbed from £413,000 to £527,000 after an extraordinary credit of £2.69m on investment property sale surpluses, mortgage redemptions, tax adjustments and exchange rate gains.

A revaluation of the portfolio would show a surplus of £13m over its £49.49m book value but the total dividend is cut from 2.317p to 1p per share with a final of 0.5p. The shares were unchanged yesterday at 43p.

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

	Sales by volume 1971 = 100	Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months at annual rate	New credit extd £m
1976			
Dec	105.2	−5.2	331
1977			
Jan	104.5	−3.0	324
Feb	104.0	0.2	342
March	101.7	−5.6	351
April	102.3	−8.6	346
May	103.2	−8.2	358
June	102.1	−3.4	346
July	104.8	2.8	359
Aug	104.7	5.9	404
Sept	103.5	7.2	388
Oct	102.7	1.0	371
Nov	103.1	−3.0	402
Dec	106.9	−0.4	411
1978			
Jan	104.9	5.3	425
Feb	106.8	—	419

BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom Banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid month	Eligible liabilities £m	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio
1977			
Jan	38,147	− 5.1	14.4
Feb	34,634	−23.7	13.8
March	34,977	−19.1	13.9
April	35,843	− 3.3	14.2
May	35,824	+11.9	14.0
June	36,279	+15.7	14.0
July	37,094	+14.6	14.0
Aug	37,691	+22.5	14.5
Sept	38,793	+30.8	14.5
Oct	39,705	+31.4	14.5
Nov	40,196	+29.6	15.1
Dec	40,833	+22.9	14.8
1978			
Jan	41,632	+20.9	14.8
Feb	42,224	+21.6	14.0
March	42,575	+18.2	14.1

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves issued by the Treasury:

End of period	$m	£m	Change in month $m
1977			
Feb	7,787	4,546	+591
March	9,618	5,592	+1,831
April	10,130	5,892	+512
May	9,901	5,760	−229
June	11,572	6,727	+1,671
July	13,422	7,725	+1,850
Aug	14,852	8,521	+1,430
Sept	17,171	9,826	+2,319
Oct	20,211	10,987	+3,040
Nov	20,394	11,227	+193
Dec	20,557	10,715	+163
1978			
Jan	20,868	10,691	+311
Feb	20,701	10,690	−167
March	20,320	10,910	−381

1977 Annual Report

Canadian Pacific Limited

Highlights: In 1977 the Company's consolidated net income reached a record level of $247.0 million. This was nearly double the earnings of five years ago and was $56.5 million, or 30%, higher than in 1976. Per Ordinary share, net income amounted to $3.41, an increase of 79¢ over 1976.

Dividends of 95¢ per share on the Ordinary stock were 9¢ more than in 1976; this increase was within the limits allowed by the Anti-Inflation Board. Of the 1977 dividends, 48.5¢ per share was the proceeds of dividends from Canadian Pacific Investments Limited, compared with 45¢ in 1976.

Extraordinary income of $7.2 million in 1977 represented the Company's share of the net gain by CP Investments on the sale of CanPac Leasing Limited in April.

In many respects 1977 was an unlikely year for a new record in earnings. It was a year of slow economic growth and accelerating price inflation which had a restricting effect on real disposable income, and hence on consumer spending. Similarly, it had a discouraging effect on business capital investment. The major strength of the economy was in merchandise exports, particularly to the United States. The decline in the value of the Canadian dollar gave added impetus to the export sector but also raised the prices of imports into Canada.

General economic conditions thus left a great deal to be desired. However, a number of specific situations were favourable enough to enable most of the Company's operations to do better than they had in the previous year, even if earnings in some cases still fell short of providing an acceptable return on investment. The oil and gas interests of Canadian Pacific Investments gave a major lift to earnings, but the year's income flow was also significantly augmented by increased earnings in most of the other areas of that company's activities. In the transportation sector, airline operations were restored to profitability after two years of losses, results of rail operations in both Canada and the U.S. showed improvement, and income was up from telecommunications as well as from container shipping. The only operations that did not trend upward were trucks, whose earnings were lower than in 1976, and bulk shipping and hotels, both of which incurred sizeable losses in 1977.

The Company's earnings achievements were matched by progress in developmental activity to ensure the earnings of the future. PanCanadian Petroleum carried out an extensive exploration program and has been acquiring land for exploration and development in the high potential oil and gas areas of Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. Cominco opened its new ammonia-urea complex east of Calgary. Fording Coal completed a program to increase the capacity of its treatment plant. Pacific Logging planted more than a million trees and fertilized large acreages of forest lands. Dominion Bridge acquired Amtel Inc., a U.S.-based diversified engineering, construction and manufacturing enterprise. Marathon Realty expanded with new shopping centres, office building projects and industrial buildings. CP Hotels opened its new hotel at Montreal's Mirabel International Airport and took over management of hotels in the Bahamas, in Mexico and in Israel. Chateau Insurance acquired the Canadian business of Great American Insurance Company. CP Rail started construction on a two-tracking program for sections of the main line through the Rocky Mountains to assist in meeting Western Canada's future transportation needs. CP Air ordered four new aircraft. Canadian Pacific Consulting Services undertook new assignments throughout the world and signed a major contract to design a 1,500-km iron ore railway in Algeria.

All the signs suggest that 1978 will be another difficult year for the Canadian and world economies. Government actions to stimulate economic activity are either being taken or are being proposed in a number of countries, including Canada. These will be welcome as long as they do not set in motion a new wave of inflation. Having been badly battered in recent years, business confidence would be further shaken by any threat of a resurgence of high inflation rates.

In the economic circumstances most likely to prevail in 1978, few sectors of the Company will find it easy to achieve growth in earnings over 1977. New labour contracts have yet to be negotiated for pulp and paper, iron and steel and several hotels, in most cases after phase-out of inflation controls begins. The outcome of such negotiations will be significant. High world inventories could adversely affect prices of such commodities as coal, zinc, pulp and certain agriproducts. The outlook is promising for oil and gas and real estate and generally favourable for the transportation enterprises, except bulk shipping.

Canadian Pacific Limited

Summarized Statement of Income	1977	1976	Increase or (Decrease)
Net income from:	(in millions)		
CP Rail	$ 54.8	$ 51.1	$ 3.7
CP Trucks	0.8	1.8	(1.0)
CP Telecommunications	2.6	2.0	0.6
CP Air	3.3	(9.8)	13.1
CP Ships	(10.3)	3.6	(13.9)
Miscellaneous	7.5	15.1	(7.6)
CP Investments Limited	170.0	117.8	52.2
Equity in income of subsidiary not consolidated	11.1	8.9	2.2
Income before extraordinary item	239.8	190.5	49.3
Extraordinary item	7.2	—	7.2
Net income	$247.0	$190.5	$56.5
Per Ordinary share:			
Income before extraordinary item	$3.31	$2.62	$0.69
Net income	3.41	2.62	0.79
Dividends	0.95	0.86	0.09

CP Investments Limited

Summarized Statement of Net Income	1977	1976	Increase or (Decrease)
	(in millions)		
Oil and gas	$110.2	$ 74.1	$36.1
Mines and minerals	41.0	32.4	8.6
Forest products	10.3	5.2	5.1
Iron and steel	23.0	13.5	9.5
Real estate	11.6	10.4	1.2
Hotels and food services	(4.7)	—	(4.7)
Finance	2.5	2.3	0.2
Other operations	4.3	0.8	3.5
Investment income	6.5	1.5	5.0
	204.7	140.2	64.5
Interest of outside CPI shareholders	34.7	22.4	12.3
Net income to CP Limited before extraordinary item	$170.0	$117.8	$52.2

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TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP IN 1977

* Strong profit growth, from £14.76 million to £18.08 million.
* Road haulage profits maintained despite intensely competitive conditions; many costs increased above the rate of inflation.
* Storage contributed almost £2 million by way of additional profit. Cold storage in particular had a very good year.
* Results of the plant hire companies more satisfactory than at one time expected.
* Industrial removal and engineering companies performed well even though not at full stretch.
* Recovery in profits of the exhibition companies continued.
* Sound results from the reinforcement companies bearing in mind the difficult trading background.
* Warehousing and cold storage companies in the Netherlands produced excellent profits; road haulage companies affected by lack of traffic.
* Modest contribution from the French companies. Refrigerated transport undertaking acquired at Rocquefort.
* Australian companies again produced increased profits due to a very high level of activity in the first six months. Falling away in activity as the financial year ended.
* Although there are few signs as yet that 1978 will produce a climate favourable to profit growth, profits to date are ahead of those for last year.

Full report and accounts available from the Secretary, Transport Development Group Ltd., Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria St., London SW1E 6SR

		1974	1975	1976	1977
Turnover	£'000	119,344	129,354	160,547	192,816
Profit before tax	£'000	13,556	12,122	14,760	18,078
Net assets	£'000	68,764	78,209	90,058	103,798
Return on cap. employed	%	21.3	17.2	18.2	19.3
Earnings	Pence per share	5.4	4.8	5.6	7.2
Dividends	Pence per share	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.8
Net assets	Pence per share	39.6	42.5	45.9	49.4

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Cooking

Katie Stewart

Whisking up a light and airy sponge cake

A true sponge cake is a whisked egg and sugar mixture with flour folded in. The soft light texture of the cake makes it an ideal partner for fresh fruit and whipped cream or for tinned fruits when it happily soaks up the syrup as in the case of a properly made trifle. Sponge cake layers dry out fairly quickly but a genoese sponge, which is made using the same method, but with the addition of melted butter, will keep very well in a covered tin. Both freeze with good results.

A whisked sponge mixture can be baked in a single layer then split and filled, or baked as a sponge flan using one of those special tins that run deep round the sides and shallow in the centre. When turned out a baked sponge flan provides a lovely container and looks very impressive with decreasing circles of fresh fruits neatly arranged. You can glaze them with a shimmering jelly layer. If you have anything of this kind in mind, do allow the made up jelly to cool until it shows signs of setting before spooning over the fruit otherwise it will simply soak up into the cake and disappear. Better to use the absorbing qualities of the sponge by sprinkling over some sherry or kirsch in the first place.

The light open texture of a sponge cake mixture depends chiefly on the amount of air whisked in. An electric hand mixer saves a lot of effort although I prefer to use a hand whisk with coiled wire rim which quickly brings the mixture up. The eggs and sugar whisk up to a better volume when warm.

Before you start find a good sized mixing bowl that will fit snugly into the rim of a saucepan, then quarter fill the saucepan with hot water from the kettle making sure that it is well below the base of the mixing bowl. An alternative to whisking the mixture over hot water is to warm the sugar in the oven before adding to the eggs. Whisking volume into the egg and sugar is very important and both should be beaten until the mixture leaves a "trail". This is a very clear signal that will tell you when your mixture is thinck enough. Leaving a "trail" means that when a little of the beaten egg and sugar is allowed to fall from the whisk it should rest on the surface of the remaining mixture in the bowl for a moment or two before it runs level and disappears. When this stage is reached take the bowl away from the warmth of the saucepan; there is no need for heat now.

Discard your whisk and take up a metal spoon (which has a cutting edge), sprinkle or sift the flour over the surface of the mixture and fold in by cutting through with the metal spoon. At this stage you must retain as much volume as possible, so stop as soon as the flour has disappeared. With a sponge cake recipe I always fold in 1 tablespoon hot water with the last of the flour to get a light mixture; or with a genoese recipe, butter that is just melted, but not hot. Flavourings are rarely added to these sponges, but a dry ingredient like cocoa powder can be sifted with the flour, in which case reduce the flour by the same amount of cocoa spoon.

Pineapple sponge flan

It really is worth while buying one of the silicone-lined sponge flan tins for a recipe like this. Silicone lined tins don't need special treatment. A traditional sponge flan tin should be greased with unsalted butter using your fingers so that the surface is evenly covered. Baked sponge flans can also be used to hold the ice cream filling for a baked Alaska.



Serves 6

For the genoese layer
2 eggs
3oz castor sugar
2½oz plain flour
1oz melted butter

For the filling
1-2 tablespoons sherry
1 (1lb) tin crushed pineapple
6 cooked prunes
1 level teaspoon castor sugar
1 slightly rounded teaspoon arrowroot

Well butter an 8 inch sponge flan tin and dust with a little extra flour. Sift the flour on to a piece of greaseproof paper and set in a warm place. Crack the eggs and sugar into a basin and whisk over heat and until thick and light. Sprinkle or sift the four over the surface of the mixture and using a metal spoon fold in gently. Pour into the prepared sponge flan tin and spread evenly. Place in the centre of a moderate oven (350 degrees F or Gas no 4) and bake for 20 minutes. Turn out and leave to cool.

Sprinkle the base of the sponge flan with the sherry. Drain the pineapple from the tin, reserving the juice. Spoon the crushed pineapple over the sponge flan to fill the centre. Halve the prunes and remove the stones and arrange them around the rim of the sponge flan to provide a dramatic contrast in colour. Measure the pineapple juice into a saucepan. Add the sugar and the arrowroot blended with a little water to make a smooth paste. Stir over low heat until the syrup has come up to the boil and thickened. Spoon over the sponge flan to glaze the pineapple and the prunes. Leave until cold before serving.

Raspberry cream roll

A whisked sponge mixture is the kind used to make a swiss roll because the sponge is very light and pliable. With a whipped cream and fruit filling it makes a delicious dessert.

Serves 6

For the sponge mixture
3 eggs
3½oz castor sugar
3oz plain flour

For the filling
¼ pint double cream
1oz castor sugar
½lb frozen or fresh raspberries

Preheat the oven to hot (425 degrees F or Gas no 7). Lightly grease a swiss roll tin approximately 10 by 14 inches and line lengthways with a strip of greased, greaseproof paper cut the width of the base of the tin and long enough to overlap the ends. Crack the eggs and sugar into a basin and sift the flour onto a plate. Whisk the eggs and sugar over heat until thick and light. Shake or sift the flour over the surface, and using a metal spoon, fold into the mixture. Pour into the prepared swiss roll tin and spread evenly, taking care to get the mixture level at the corner.

Place above centre in the preheated oven and bake for 8-10 minutes or until risen and springy to the touch. Loosen the unlined sides of the baked swiss roll and turn it over on to a sheet of greaseproof paper sprinkled with castor sugar. Now put your fingers on the overlapping ends of the baking paper and lift the tin away. Peel off the baking paper. With a sharp knife trim the crisp sides off the swiss roll so that it will roll up without cracking. Turn the edge of the sugared paper up on to the baked sponge and roll it up with the sugared paper *inside*. To fill a swiss roll with whipped cream it must be allowed to cool first, the paper inside prevents the cake from sticking together as it cools and means that it can be unrolled later for filling.

When quite cold gently unroll the swiss roll opening it up to draw out the sugared paper. Spread the inside with whipped double cream sweetened with sugar. Sprinkle with the fruit. Now roll it up again with the filling inside. Chill for several hours so that the cream firms up and the fruit thaws. Cut in thick slices for serving.

The basics of a good bechamel

For all the shortcut, quick mix (call them what you will) recipes recommended for making a white sauce, there is no alternative method that can improve on the flavour of a white sauce (bechamel) made the traditional way, using milk infused with onion and bay leaf for flavour and thoroughly beaten during the blending to get a shine. A bechamel sauce is one of the basics and used in many ways; an essential in recipes like moussaka, lasanga and dozens of others particularly ones including fish and poultry.

Sauce bechamel
Makes ½ pint
½ pint milk—see note
1 small onion stuck with a clove
1 bay leaf
1½oz butter
1oz flour
salt and freshly milled white pepper

Measure the milk into a saucepan and add the onion and bay leaf. Bring almost to the boil, then draw off the heat, cover with a lid and leave to infuse for 5-10 minutes. Melt the butter in a saucepan over low heat and stir in the flour. This is called a "roux". Cook the roux over gentle heat for a minute or so, until it lightens in colour and takes on a grainy texture. Do not allow the roux for a white sauce to brown at this stage, otherwise the colour of the final sauce will be affected. The slightly higher proportion of butter to flour used here makes a softer roux and one that is easier to incorporate with the mixing liquid.

Gradually stir in the warm flavoured milk (having extracted the onion and bay leaf) a little at a time. Each addition of milk should be thoroughly beaten in before the next is added to avoid any lumps; towards the end, the additions of milk can be more generous. Bring the sauce to the boil and allow to simmer for 2-3 minutes to ensure thorough cooking of the flour. Season with salt and pepper and the sauce is ready to use.

Note: the secret of most good white sauces is to utilize some of the liquour in which the food it is to be served with has been cooked. In this way sauce and food complement each other and the flavour of both is enhanced. Half vegetable liquour, chicken or fish stock can be used. If you are using a mixture of liquids—part hot stock and part cold milk, add the hot liquid first to a roux and stir in the cold afterwards. The hot liquid keeps the fat in the roux soft and makes for easy mixing. If your prepared sauce has to stand or keep hot stir in all but 2-3 tablespoons of the milk. Let the sauce come through the boil, then add the remaining milk, but do not stir in. Let the milk run over the surface of the sauce and it will prevent a skin forming. Stir in only when ready to serve.

Lamb to crown a spring

A crown roast of lamb is made from two best ends of lamb tied in a circle with the bones facing outwards and the skin on the inside. It would make a nice spring dinner party dish.

The butcher will prepare it for you. Or if you prefer to make it up yourself, just check that he chines the joints so that you can carve them afterwards. Place the two joints back to back and sew the ends together, using fine string and a trussing needle. You can put your favourite stuffing inside a crown roast—fruit stuffings are delicious with lamb.

On the other hand if you like the skin crisp, cook the stuffing separately in the roasting tin (the juices from the joint will moisten and flavour the mixture) and then spoon into the centre of the roast before serving. If you do this rub the inside with salt and pack the centre with a piece of crumpled kitchen foil to help keep the shape during roasting. You must wrap a little foil round the bone tips too to prevent them scorching and they can be garnished with cutlet frills for serving. A roast crown of lamb would go very well with buttered new potatoes and some spring broccoli. Serve the pineapple sponge flan for dessert and start with a lovely green watercress soup.

Crown roast of lamb

Serves 6

1 crown roast of lamb made using 2 best ends with 6-7 cutlets each.
Salt and freshly milled pepper
1-2oz dripping
1 small tin apricot halves
Mint jelly

For the stuffing
2oz dried apricots, soaked overnight
1 medium cooking apple
6oz fresh white breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons chopped walnu
Finely grated rind of 1 lemo
1oz melted butter

Place the crown roast in large roasting tin. Season wit salt and pepper, and wrap small piece of foil round th top of each rib bone. Set asi while preparing the stuffing.

Using a pair of scissors s the apricots up fairly sm Peel, core and chop the app Combine the apricots, bre crumbs, apple, nuts and fin grated lemon rind. Then, us a fork, mix in the melted but

Pack the stuffing into middle of the crown roast cover with foil to prevent dry out. Add a little dripping to pan, and then put in the cen of a moderate oven (350 degr F or Gas No 4) and roast, allo ing 35 minutes per lb. About minutes before the end of cooking time, spoon the apri halves into the tin around meat and warm through.

When cooked, remove pieces of foil and top each with a cutlet frill. Garnish dish with drained apricot hal filled with mint jelly. To ca cut down between the rib bo and allow 2 cutlets per pers

Note: Stuffing packed at end of the roasting tin sho be covered with a square foil to prevent drying. Rem any foil from the centre of crown roast and spoon the s fing into the centre bef serving. Without any stuffin the centre, the roasting t will be about 1¼ hours.

Spiced peaches in a hurry

Hot spiced peaches

This recipe has won a number of admirers among my friends. It's no more than a tin of peach halves heated up with brown sugar and cinnamon, but it makes a marvellous standby dessert provided you always keep a tin of fruit in the cupboard. Fruit served hot tastes different and is particularly good if you contrast it with chilled cream or vanilla ice cream.



Serves 6

1 (1lb 14oz) tin peach halves
2oz soft brown sugar
1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon

Drain the peach halves and put them into a Le Creuset or other ovenproof serving dish. Turn them all with the cut side upwards. Pour the fruit syrup over the base of the dish. Mix the sugar and ground cinnamon and sprinkle a little into each peach half. About 15 minutes before serving put into the centre of a mode hot oven (375°F or Gas No and let them heat throu Serve hot.

Scandinavian cucumber

The Scandinavians have a way of serving cucumber salad that is quite different—it has a sweet-sour flavour and goes very well with cold sliced meat or poultry. Wash a cucumber and slice it as thinly as possible with the skin on. Layer the slices in a bowl with salt, leave them to stand for about an hour and you will find that the salt draw the juices from the cucumber.

Meanwhile in a glass serving dish or bowl put 1 tablespo of castor sugar and moisten with 1 tablespoon of distil malt vinegar and about 4 tab spoons cold water. Mill in little coarse pepper and adc sprinkling of dill seed. N rinse the cucumber slices, dr them well and put them i the pickle. Sprinkle chopp parsley over the surface a you can serve them anyth A fork is a useful tool f scooping out the slices.

Sue Donsberger–outdoor girl and Air Canadian

"I get a real kick from being with lots of people – especially when they're friends and we're all away in the country for a long weekend. Clean fresh air, beautiful scenery and all the space in the world. And after a day in the outdoors, walking or just lazing around, it's great to come back to cook a barbecue for them all – especially for the little ones. Wine, food, a song and good company – pure magic."



Sue Donsberger–
flight attendant and Air Canadian

"I feel just as much at home up here in this 747 helping to look after our passengers. I'm lucky, I really enjoy my job as a Flight Attendant; anything you want, I'm here to get it for you. A drink? An extra pillow? Colouring books for the children? No problem. And flying with the Air Canadians needn't cost the earth. So sit back, tuck into a great meal (sorry no barbecues) and take in a movie... you'll wish the flight could go on for ever. But it's just the beginning–Canada's a great country and you're going to love it–pure magic."

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Heads of western missions to hold separate meeting as pressure for July agreement mounts

Trade chiefs seek to end Geneva deadlock

In a high-powered attempt to resolve some of the crucial issues holding up progress at the world trade talks in Geneva, the three key men—the trade chiefs of the United States, the European Community and Japan—will meet in Switzerland on Monday.

The aim of the meeting will be to break the deadlock over American demands for freer trade in agricultural products, and other contentious issues like industrial subsidies and the unfettered use of countervailing duties.

With the approach of the July deadline for bringing the 4½-year-old Tokyo Round of trade negotiations to a successful conclusion, the search for compromise formulae is becoming more intense.

It is, therefore, viewed as important that a meeting like Monday's, between Mr Robert Strauss, the United States Special Trade Representative; Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, the EEC vice-president for External Relations, and Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japan's Minister for External Economic Affairs, should inject a fresh political impetus to the international bargaining.

There are some indications that the EEC and the United States are less far apart than they were over the thorny question of subsidies. The problem of subsidies, particularly agricultural subsidies like those employed under the EEC's Common Agricultural Policy, has proved the most intractable since the world trade talks were launched in September, 1973.

The difficulties still to be overcome in the area of agricultural trade policy were revealed clearly by the effective breakdown of the wheat conference, which was taking place in Geneva during the weeks before Easter, in parallel to the main trade talks.

Although the wheat conference was a separate event, the results were intended, in the jargon, to be "folded in" to any wider agreement on trade. Even a secret meeting just before Easter between top American and EEC officials failed to salvage much.

The two days of discussions, at the resort of Evian on the French side of Lake Geneva, apparently resulted only in an agreement to put the best face on the lack of results. It was agreed only that the conference should be reconvened in the autumn.

Failure of the Evian talks must have been disappointing. They seem to have been arranged with high hopes that the atmosphere of the venue would be conducive to success. Senior officials from the EEC Commission's agriculture directorate flew from Brussels especially for the Evian discussions. The Community participants incided M Louis-Georges Rabot, the agriculture director-general, and Signor Adolfo Pizzuti, a deputy.

The Americans were represented by Ambassador Alonzo McDonald, President Carter's deputy special trade representative and head of the American negotiators in Geneva.

In spite of such disappointments it is generally agreed by all the major participants in the trade negotiations that mid-July is a firm date for bringing the main bargaining process to an end.

This is because of the general political and legislative difficulties entailed in allowing the negotiations to drag on. For a start, it would be difficult for the Carter Administration to make trade concessions later in 1978 because of the mid-term elections. Furthermore, any agreed trade package has to be got through Congress by January, 1980.

This is when the 1974 United States Trade Act, giving negotiating authority to the Administration, expires.

At the same time there is a general acceptance that a failure to agree on a package of tariff cuts, and codes for reducing unfair trade practices, would have grave consequences for governments tarying to resist protectionism.

For this reason it seems almost inconceivable that no agreement will be ultimately forthcoming. The big question is how substantial the measures will actually prove to be.

Apart from agriculture and subsidies, there are a number of other issues that have so far defied agreement.

One is the question of safeguards, which enable countries to restrict sudden disruptive import surges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Funds for the inventors' high technology working models

From Mr David Foster

Sir, The prosperous future of British industry cannot depend upon the expanded production of existing products because the market is saturating. As reported in your columns, more than 90 per cent of families already have such hardware delights as television, refrigerators and washing machines.

The industrial future for Britain is to invent new products to meet changing circumstances which are creating novel growth areas such as crime, old age, leisure and high-cost energy.

I could name specific new products of a manufactured nature which are needed for each of the four growth areas I have defined and typically would be a motor-car which would do 150 miles a gallon and which both computer and drawing board have shown to be feasible.

Now it appears to be a fact that while improvements to existing products can be organized in R and D and design establishments this does not apply to break-through innovation, which is the province of the individual creative mind, indeed the man-in-the-street. This is proved by the large number of ingenious patents taken out by the private citizen.

But very few of those patents ever lead to production because after he has paid his patent costs, which are escalating, the impoverished inventor has no money left with which to build a really impressive demonstration *working model* which alone could convince industry to take it up.

Almost my whole working life was spent in product innovation, and in retrospect I note that my inventions always found their way to production and the market place if I took them to the stage of a working model, but that nothing ever happened to those inventions which were only taken to the paper stage as drawings or patents.

I hope Sir Frank Whittle will pardon me for describing him in 1941 as a typical man-in-the-street who had a good inventive idea and for giving my view observed from close quarters (I had part-time assignment from Vauxhall Motors to Power Jets) that he would never have got his jet engine off the ground if there had not been a war on at the time and thus money was forthcoming for innovation having a military angle.

Incidentally, the same was true of radar, automatic navigation and the electronic computer. At that time there were many people who considered that a jet aircraft could never fly, but the war circumstances enabled Sir Frank to get his working model which actually flew—to the embarrassment of the critics.

The problem with product innovation at the present time is that most of the simple devices such as safety pins and folding perambulators which are cheap to model have already been invented, and nowadays the inventive idea may be simple but it will almost certainly involve advanced technology which is very expens to produce in a working mo

This the Ferguson trac plough system is based u very simple and succes idea, but to demonstrate working model with hydra negative feedback would co great deal of money.

Britain is seething inventive genius which is passport to a prosper future, but little is ge through to production bec the inventor cannot affor pay for that demonstra working model if advan technology is involved.

The only new things get through are still those fo military development fall and one can site the electr watch and the po calculator.

Britain does not need factories or machinery to thing like the extent it u new products. But inve genius is individual and ou the organization, and inventor cannot get his in tion through to industry u he can walk through factory gates with a wo model under his arm.

May I suggest that National Enterprise Board National Research Develop Corporation and the bank together to find a wa destroy this impediment b it destroys Britain?

Yours sincerely,
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Stage set for inquiry to resolve problems of inter-union rivalry in clearing banks

By Christopher Thomas

A wide-ranging inquiry into serious inter-union problems in the English clearing banks gets under way on Thursday next week. Meanwhile there is no longer any formal bargaining machinery in the "big five".

The outcome will be crucial in deteremining the future shape of trade unionism in the banks. Chairman of the inquiry is Dr Tom Johnston, head of the Scottish Manpower Services Committee.

Talks are continuing with the 20,500-member Lloyds Bank Staff Association on a transfer of engagements to the National Union of Bank Employees, and it is hoped to ballot members in the midsummer, Nube is insisting that the transfer, which would result in the creation of a ne wbody called the Lloyds Bank Staff Union, and involve TUC membership.

Mr John Parrish, general manager (staff and administration) at Lloyds, said yesterday: "We would be delighted if we could see the end of 50 years of bickering. Throughout my career in the bank the staff association and Nube have been fighting."

A move to end Nube's involvement in building societies and insurance was soundly beaten at the union's annual conference at Sheffield University yesterday. Supporters of the move argued that the union should stick to banking and not enter territory where it would have to spread its resources

Mr Leif Mills, general secretary, said: "We are not going to dissipate our resources in a mindless way. We do not seek conflict or confrontation with other unions. Equally we are not going to be dictated to or pushed around by anybody outside this union."

The conference unanimously supported demands to establish local negotiating rights in the Channel Islands,

The union was instructed to seek a 16.5 per cent increase in Jersey, and 19 per cent in Guernsey, backdated to July 1.

More Rolls-Royce lay-offs as pay dispute spreads

By R. W. Shakespeare

More Rolls-Royce workers in the Coventry area have been laid off, bringing the total made idle in two big labour disputes to well over 11,000. However, there were some indications yesterday that one of the strikes—at the Chrysler engines plant—may be called off when the strikers meet this morning.

With Rolls-Royce's Parkside engineering works already closed, and 4,600 manual and white collar workers made idle by a dispute over a new shop-floor pay deal, the company announced yesterday that from today a further 1,400 men at the company's Anstey factory on the outskirts of Coventry will be laid off and another 350 administrative workers have also been told not to report for work today.

The Parkside dispute centres on a new pay deal in which Rolls-Royce has offered increases ranging from £10.15 a week to skilled workers to £5.52 for labourers which would add 9.7 per cent to the factory's wages bill.

Negotiations with the unions on these proposals have broken down.

The workers who are laid off were staging a sit-in on a rota basis in the works canteen yesterday, and both of the factory's main gates were being picked.

Instalment credit maintaining its high level

Some £419m was advanced by finance houses and retailers in new instalment credit during February, according to figures published yesterday by the Department of Trade. This was less than the credit advanced in January, but more than in any other single month.

In the three months December-September, some £1,255m was advanced, or 8 per cent more than in the previous three months. Of the increase in credit during February, retailers accounted for £217m and finance houses for £202m.

Separate figures for retail trade in February, also published yesterday, confirm a jump in the volume of sales during that month. The retail sales index is shown to have risen to 106.8 from 104.9 in January. This rise is only slightly more than thought when the provisional figures for February sales were first released.

The increase between December-February and the previous three months is now put at 3.1 per cent.

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Edwardes call for all-party support

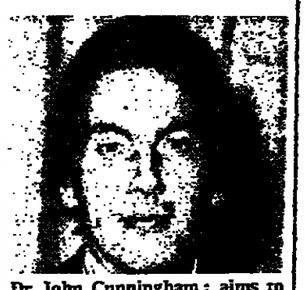
Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, yesterday made a powerful if indirect plea to the Conservative Party to join the Government in backing British Leyland's four-year corporate plan. This involves an injection of public funds totalling £850m, including £450m this year in the form of new equity.

Addressing the Foreign Press Association in London, Mr Edwardes pointed out that while he very much welcomed the Government's intention to back British Leyland, the decision was up to Parliament.

"If Parliament will give us *real* support—I don't just mean government support or a narrow vote or something, I mean real support from all political parties—I believe this will have a tremendous effect on morale and goodwill and relations between management and workforce", he said. "Divisions can start at the level of Parliament."

Given that support, it would be entirely up to management and the workforce to "get it right", and there would be no excuses. Without that support, the finger could be pointed at Parliament.

Looking to the future, Mr Edwardes said he was not so worried about the cooperation of the workforce: he believed they would give it.



Dr John Cunningham: aims to save £60m a year

UK shipbuilders win £5m orders

Two orders for new diving support vessels worth £5.5m has been placed with British shipyards by Star Offshore, a company that has previously had most of its new ships built abroad.

Appledore Shipbuilders, part of British Shipbuilders, has won the £4m contract for an 83 metres long, dynamically positioned deep diving vessel, to be called Star Hercules. A smaller, 43-metre long shallow diving vesse costing £1.5m has gone to Cochrane Shipbuilders of Selby.

BIM's £2,500m tax cut plea

The British Institute of Management has called for £2,500m cuts in income tax in a pre-Budget policy statement, published yesterday. It wants a cut in the basic rate from 34 per cent to 30 per cent, lowering of the top marginal rate from 83 per cent to 60 per cent and an increase in the real value of the higher rate thresholds.

A top rate of income tax of 50 per cent "in the foreseeable future", is also called for, with higher rate thresholds indexed to ensure that their real value would be mainrained.

The BIM says its policy is to seek a relaxation of the pressure on differentials for managers and other skilled workers which has arisen in recent years. "It was decided, therefore, to concentrate on a reduction in the standard rate of tax ,an increase in the real value of higher rate thresholds, and a reduction in the top marginal rate."

The tax burden faced by managers and other employees is high by international standards and the United Kingdom tax rates are rarely exceeded overseas,

Military target system used to detect heat losses

Infra-red scanning equipment developed by the armed services to detect targets at night by homing in on heat generated by vehicles and buildings, is being used by the Department of Energy to pinpoint heat losses from industrial and commercial buildings.

A small aircraft fitted with the specia equipmentl has begun low-level night flights over 19 factories, power stations and large buildings throughout the country. It is hoped that the equipment will identify problems such as poorly insulated roofs and leaking steam and hot water pipes.

Sixteen organizations are supporting the department and the Harwell laboratory, in Oxfordshire, in the experiment, which will cost £45,000. Flights are at night to eliminate the reflection and warming effects of the sun.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that Britain's lighting bill could be reduced by over £60m a year through better use of existing lights, and installation of more efficient systems.

Tax increase on company cars from tomorrow

By Edward Townsend

Details of the 10 per cent increase in taxable amounts on company cars which will affect directors and employees earning an annual salary of £7,500 or more, were issued yesterday by the Inland Revenue.

The new rates take effect tomorrow and are split according to the engine size or value of the car when new, and by its present age.

The highest rate of £880 applies to a car with an original market value of over £12,000 and is under four years old, taking in everything from a Jaguar XJS to a Rolls-Royce. For a similar car over four years old the rate is £585.

The breakpoint between less and more expensive cars has been increased from £6,000 to £8,000.

PAYE codings for the 1978-79 tax year will not be amended, except at the taxpayer's request. Inland Revenue proposes to make adjustments to liabilities after April 5, 1979.

Study into delays on new projects

It takes on average between two-and-a-half and four years for a company to bring a new project to the production stage, a survey by the Confederation of British Industry says yesterday. And it may take as long as 10 to 15 ears if the project is large, or a new product is involved.

The investigation into this time span—known as investment lead time—concludes that government policies aimed at boosting investment cannot be expected to show results in the short term.

Companies look at least five or six years ahead when deciding to invest on any scale, which argues that this illustrates the need for stability in government policies towards industry, the report says.

Workings of development land tax

From Mr W. F. Harrup

Sir, Your report (March 15) concerning the study released by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has once more highlighted a problem which should concern us all, and not merely the authorities and the builders, together with the growing legion of professional advisers who are concerned with the mechanics of a particularly difficult piece of legislation.

The problem of obtaining a measure of gain for the community because the community has decided that an area of land should be developed has beset the legislature since 1947, and each attempt to recapture "betterment" has been greeted with squeals of protest and an apparent decline in development proposals.

It would appear that both political parties are reconciled to the fact that the community can participate in the wealth created by betterment through the medium of taxation, and there can be few now who disagree with this conclusion.

There were, however, no overwhelming protestations from the oil companies when the Government sought to participate in the wealth of oil from the seabed by means of taxation, or any apparent decline in the commercial activities of these companies in their search for mineral wealth under the sea.

Why, then, should development land tax have appeared to have created such a counter-productive atmosphere?

Developers and the construction industry are in the risk business. But, like most prudent businessmen, they seek to mitigate the area of risk as much as possible. Thus, when commencing a development scheme it is vital that the developer is aware of all the ramifications before commencing work.

Not only must he therefore wade through the complexities of the planning procedures and ensure that the development is physically and technically capable of achievement economically, but he must be aware of the contingent fiscal implications, and development land tax is crucial. Quite often when the first trench is dug, the liability for tax arises.

It would therefore be of considerable assistance to developers if the Development Land Tax Office, whose eventual responsibilitity it will be to administer the tax, would consult with developers and give estimates of the likely liability, particularly in problematic and complex cases.

There would appear, however, to be a reluctance on the part of that office to engage in such consultation. The developer, in assessing the viability of his scheme, must therefore enter a question mark against the amount of DLT and the risk factor climbs enormously if he proceeds.

It seems to me that the office should be encouraged to discuss such matters with developers and certainly in cases of development projects of "high social and economic value."

The problem highlighted by the RICS can only get worse as existing land banks are consumed and the transitional provisions of the Act relating to pre-appointed day planning permissions and the reduced rate of tax gradually disappear.

In addition, the nomenclature "tax" is incorrect. DLT is a levy, and as such it is not possible for the taxpayer to offset other business expenses as he could with corporation tax or personal income tax.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Treasury will take note of the study released by the RICS before the really serious effect of the legislation comes home to roost. We cannot afford to monitor the position when the roots of a worsening problem are with us now, but perhaps it is a forlorn hope that a reduction in the rate of the tax will be included in Mr Healey's forthcoming proposals.

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N Sea cash for energy conservation

From Mr D. W. Harris

Sir, There is total agreement that world demand for oil will exceed supply by 1985. Our comparatively small reserves of North Sea oil mean that in the 1990s we shall need to become net importers again in a world where demand exceeds supply and where all sea routes are dominated by the Russian fleet.

The spectacle of politicians wooing the electorate with a spending spree is as offensive to good sense as it is to good taste.

Quite apart from the fact that our reserves of fossil fuels in the North Sea are finite and therefore a capital resource, not "revenue", it is dangerous to discuss our new-found wealth outside the context of our national energy needs. The experiences of the United States and of Holland should be a warning to us all, but I fear Trevelyan's judgment may be vindicated that the lesson of history is that its lessons never have been learnt!

The first call on the North Sea capital must be an urgent and massive investment in energy conservation and in new energy sources—otherwise we are going to look very foolish, virgins indeed with no oil in our lamps.

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Safety of nuclear power plants

From Mr A. V. Alexande

Sir, May I be permitt attempt to clarify some points in issue between I Derbyshire and Langton recent correspondence co ing safety and nuclear p The following facts are vant:

1 The main purpose of surance and liability cle the nuclear installation was:

(a) To channel liability operator of a nuclea tion so that respons be quickly and easily ass in the event of an accide

(b) to make the sta liability absolute;

(c) to create circumst which the insurance i could provide liability c on terms which would the nuclear power indu be commercially viable

(d) to establish an a limit of indemnity to b fied out of public funds

2 It was necessary to the special provisions pr in order to enable the in market to undertake c for risks of which there previous experience w and in order to simpl claims procedure in th of an accident.

3 Operators of conv power stations are not to strict liability nor a required to carry any m amount of third-party aice. Invariably any in against third-party legz lity is limited in amoun to a smaller figure tha Any liability incurred i of the insured amount w a charge against the rev current assets of the u ing and could ultimat come a charge upon funds. To be succes claimant would have to negligence.

4 Parliament has plac public in a more fav position as regards operators than is the ca operators of conventiona It has done so for the stated above which hav ing whatever to do w probabilities of an i which, as the record sh extremely remote.

It is, in my opinion, u fortunate that an incorr struction should be pu the very proper statut quirements which hav placed upon nuclear operators.

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Performance of building societies and builders

From Mr J. R. Stevenson

Sir, Mr Ebbs (March 15) makes some sweeping generalizations about building societies and housebuilders. These are both incorrect and lead him to miss the crucial economic arguments about the Government's recent move to reduce mortgage lending levels.

Firstly, building societies are not "... anxious to lend the huge amounts they have been receiving recently" and it is not a question of their being "... permitted to lend all these funds ...". Last year, the societies increased their total funds by £6,068m out of which well over one third (£2,708m) was not advanced for house purchases but used to increase their liquid assets. In the same time their liquidity ratio rose from 18.3 per cent to 21.8.

If he had looked at their lending levels, Mr Ebbs would have seen that the societies maintained a fairly steady rate of mortgage advances throughout the second half of last year and that the target of £720m per month originally agreed with the Government at the start of this year represented a continuation of this stable lending policy. These were not the actions of building societies who were "... anxious to lend huge amounts ..." and "... lend all these funds".

Secondly, Mr Ebbs states that "builders will not make new starts in uncertain conditions, be they boom or slump". This states only half the truth. Builders have indeed suffered from appalling instability and uncertainty in the past, much of it due to well-intentioned but misguided government intervention such as this latest episode. However, they can live with the uncertainty inherent in all commercial risk decisions, so long as they do not have to worry about someone's interfering with the market just at the point that it is turning round and beginning at last to move in their direction. That is the sort of "instr tutionalized unce which in the long-ter deter builders from i in housing at all.

Finally, Mr Ebbs that disastrous assumpt "... the supply of ho fixed in the medium-te rather depends upon w means by that phrase medium-term, although not all be dead, we c tainly let some good lor grow under feet ... c sharply and build som houses.

Start to completion c less than a year, and c no more than a year half, if the motivation i And what kind of motiv it to cut the flow of r finance below pr agreed levels, not becau in short supply, but because one month's p crease, multiplied by looks bad compared w per cent.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

GKN and the steel recession

hare price has been in trouble since after the £67m rights issue a year it gradually dawned on the market worldwide steel and engineering was not going miraculously to company untouched. Thus profits, falling back at the interim, turn nearly 26 per cent down at £72.3m ccords with revised market think- hough 17 per cent down at £102m ldditional depreciation.

estion then is simply this: should buy back into our largest engineer- p at 275p where the yield is 8½ per the dividend duly increased by 25 ? The answer must be that there ry until there is real evidence of vement in world trade, and one that is sufficient to pull the iness out of the mire. That is not happen in the foreseeable future 's view of prospects recognizes as lume over the whole business has around 3 per cent since the turn nd it is clear that much of this nced to steel making and distribu- brought on substantial new rod- apacity only to run straight into ion.

automotive businesses will appar- little better this year, while auto- oubled by strikes both externally ally in the United Kingdom, will more than maintain its showing ominous flattening off of demand where GKN has a substantial

brighter side of all this is that lance sheet is stronger than it since the funds earmarked for trol of Sachs remain unutilized. is only around 30 per cent geared g aside the Sachs disappointment hopes that it might still material- are important developments in l drive transmission business in States. GKN is already delivering arker and within 18 months will ted States manufacturing facility. important technological lead, but tant that is going to be in terms depends on the steel recession— uld be prolonged.

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part of the Society's intention mbers should be precluded from as is the case, for instance, in profession. But it is not hard membership would, in its own safe a certain level of compe- it may not therefore be long ld be employers would regard of the Society as an important on, if not a necessary condition of employment. However, what is less certain is that its examinations will ensure that investment analysts always produce profitable ideas.

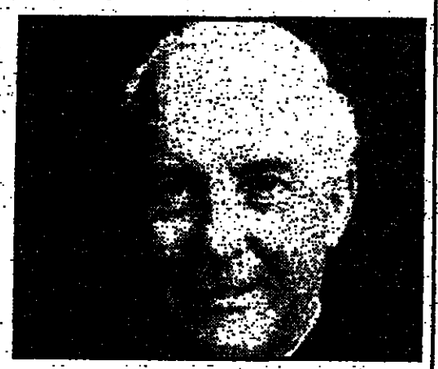
Banking figures

Budgetary pointers

The 0.8 per cent rise in the banking system's eligible liabilities, essentially its sterling deposits, in the month to mid-March was at least no worse than the market was going for, and that was enough to leave gilts with gains of around half a point by yesterday's close. The eligible liability figures are, of course, anything but reliable as an indicator of the full money supply figures, but there seemed to be little in yesterday's figures to suggest that the trend in the money supply itself will in fact be vastly different.

As far as Greenwell is concerned, however, it is no longer particularly important even if the March money supply figures do appear to be reasonably reassuring. In their latest *Monetary Bulletin* the brokers argue that the excessive monetary growth of the past few months has already become significant—particularly when looked at in measurements other than sterling M3—and that this is already manifesting itself in rising house prices and the halt to overseas inflows on capital account.

The implication of this would seem to be that Greenwell feels that the Chancellor should be announcing not only a fairly tight monetary policy next week, but, given that the recent excessive monetary growth should in itself stimulate some extra real economic activity, no more than a modest net stimulus.



● *In the absence of the anticipated bonus from the hire purchase side, Bank of Scotland, headed by Lord Clydesmuir (above), withstood the damage of falling interest rates reasonably well last year. Second-half pre-tax profits were an eighth lower at £13.6m than the same period of 1976 but thanks to the strong first half the group came through the year some 3 per cent ahead at £27.6m. Had it worked on the same calendar year as the London clearers, growth would have been 12 per cent.*

Resilience at the parent bank, where profits last ear were only £1.4m lower, in the face of the drop in base rates from 11.6 to 7.9 per cent is due chiefly to the growth of currency business. In line with sluggishness in the Scottish economy sterling advances rosé by only a tenth but foreign currency lending jumped by a half. At the same time currency deposits grew sharply while continued growth in sterling current and deposit accounts kept the bank out of the more expensive wholesale money market most of the year.

Meanwhile, the expected second-half burst at North West Securities failed to materialize and the pedestrian growth of profits by £486,000 to £7.1m is due apparently to the 50 per cent of its business that is not on fixed rates while competition in the consumer end has been stiff. Reorganization at British inen Bank has pushed profits up there by £1.2m to £3.2m, but there is still no sign of an upturn in loan demand. The shares, yielding 6 per cent at 275p, duly reflect the growing doubts over the Scottish economy.

Peter Norman, in Bonn, discusses the growing concern among exporters

Revaluation makes its mark on Germany

The German mark has been under strong upward pressure again recently, as indeed to a greater or lesser extent it has been since 1969. As a result concern in Germany is growing whether the country's goods can stay competitive at home and in markets abroad.

To all appearances, German industry has shown a remarkable ability to cope with the problem. Exports grow last year by 7 per cent and the country's visible trade surplus—a thumping DM38,400m (£9,458m) was the second largest in its history.

Since the floating of the mark in 1973, Germany's export industry has learnt to accept currency appreciation as a market-induced offset to the Federal Republic's lower than average rate of inflation.

But over the past couple of years the mark revaluation against many currencies has outstripped the difference in price trends. After the latest rise of the mark, there is in many sectors of German industry an unmistakable, albeit imperfectly articulated, sense of alarm for the future that goes beyond the traditional moans and groans with which an export industry greets currency revaluation.

The Federal Bank in Frankfurt has calculated that the mark underwent a "real" revaluation of 4 per cent between the end of 1976 and January this year and one of 11 per cent over the past two years.

But the rate of this real revaluation and its consequent impact on competitiveness has varied from trading partner to trading partner.

Against some currencies such as the Swiss franc, the Japanese yen and sterling, the mark in fact devalued during 1977. Against others, such as the Austrian schilling and Dutch guilder, it held virtually unchanged.

But against the currencies of major trading partners such as Italy, Belgium, the United States and France the real revaluation last year ranged between 4 and 8 per cent and rose to a peak of around 18 per cent against the Swedish crown.

Such shifts would not matter so greatly if German labour costs were not among the highest in the world.

According to the Institut der Deutschen Wirtschaft, which admittedly is an organization attached to the German Federation of Industry, an hour's labour in German manufacturing industry now costs an average of DM 18.92. In the United States, the comparable figure is DM 17.76, in France DM 12.23, in Japan DM 10.57 and in Great Britain DM 8.09.

Only in the smaller industrial countries are labour costs higher. In Sweden, an employer pays out an average of DM 20.75 in wages and social payments for an hour's work while in Belgium the figure is DM 19.16.

Wages cannot be viewed in isolation. Productivity must also be taken into account and variations between nations are far more difficult to quantify. But while it can be fairly assumed that German industry has a clear productivity lead over that of Britain and possibly that of France, it is almost certain that the export industry of Japan has a productivity advantage over West Germany and that of the United States a slight edge.

The Federal Bank was the first to raise the alarm about the dangers of the dollar's fall. Since last December Dr Otmar Emminger, its president, has been stumping the country like a latter day Jeremiah warning that it could be the last straw for Germany's export industry. The economics ministry in Bonn began to get excited only when the French franc tumbled against the mark at the beginning of February.

When contemplating the possible decline of their international competitiveness, German industrialists have tended to concentrate their concern on export markets.

The other side of the equation, so obvious in Britain, that a decline in competitiveness can expose the home market to an influx of foreign goods has been less of a worry.

In part, this is because German industry has cheerfully handed over much of the home market for less sophisticated products, such as run of the mill consumer goods, to foreign producers.

Its recipe for survival in an age of mark appreciation has been to move up market and concentrate on the development of more "intelligent" or specialized goods. Where the nature of the product puts a limit on the degree of intelligence that can be conferred upon it—steel and bulk chemicals are an example—the German industrialist's reaction has been to rationalize the production process as far as possible.

There are now indications that the twin processes of rationalization and trading up may no longer guarantee competitiveness.

Although Germany can boast of having the most modern and efficient steel industry in Europe it has evolved from being a substantial net exporter of steel into a net importer. A 1974 export surplus of 11 million tonnes had turned into an import surplus of about one million tonnes last year. Imports accounted for 38 per cent of German steel sales in 1977 compared with 20 per cent before the world steel slump.

A similar pattern is emerging in chemicals. Last year imports rose twice as fast as exports, bringing the share of imports in the German market to 27 per cent compared with an average of 17 per cent between 1960 and 1970.

The investment goods industry, regarded traditionally as an area of German industrial strength, has also been experiencing tougher competition from manufacturers abroad. According to the Institut der Deutschen Wirtshaft, imports of investment goods rose by 96 per cent between 1970 and 1977 compared with a rise of only 49 per cent for imports overall.

While home sales of German investment goods rose by an average of 1 to 1.5 per cent per year between 1970 and 1977, imports rose by an average of 10 per cent per year.

This import growth largely reflects the sale of standard equipment. In the case of more specialized and complex equipment, the German virtues of product reliability, promptness of delivery and excellence of after sales service still count for a great deal at home and abroad.

This particularly applies to the heavy plant industry which has emerged since the beginning of the 1970s as one of the pillars of Germany's export industry. But here too, the stiffer breeze of tougher international competition is beginning to be felt.

Companies are having to work harder to land orders and foreign buyers are beginning to insist that contracts be priced in currencies other than Deutsche marks. This is a new and disturbing trend for the heavy plant business where an order might take more than five years to complete.

There are admittedly branches of industry where worries for the domestic market and export prospects are less acute. The car industry, for example, has virtually sold its production for the first half of this year and is hoping to book an increase in export turnover in 1978 despite the strength of the mark and the high cost level at home.

The Federal Republic's large visible trade surpluses are unlikely to disappear rapidly under the twin pressure of mark appreciation and a high cost level at home, if only because of the large proportion of long-term contracts in Germany's foreign order book and industry's pronounced reluctance to abandon carefully nurtured markets abroad.

But the German economy could pay dearly for the years of an undervalued mark in which exports expanded to account for more than a quarter of gross national product.

Peter Norman

Storm in a coffee cup

Patricia Tisdall

Tumbling prices, along with retailer and consumer resistance, have thrown the already confused instant coffee market into fresh disarray. The turbulence caused by the price cuts has been increased by the spate of new brands rushed out by the big manufacturers during the last six months to try to protect their market shares.

The manufacturers' individual difficulties are further exacerbated by the slump in the overall volume of sales. During the second half of last year consumption of instant coffee fell by between 30 and 40 per cent.

Price cutting started last autumn after 18 months of steep rises (sparked by the now famous Brazilian frost in July, 1975), during which the cost of a 4oz jar of instant coffee more than quadrupled. A boycott by the big supermarket retailers, led by Tesco, forced Nestlé and General Foods, two of the biggest instant coffee makers, to retract a price rise which would have increased the price of a 4oz jar from about £1.40 to £1.60.

About the same time further pressure to cut prices came from a new entrant—Copak Vendona, headed by the entrepreneurial Mr Brian Chapman, which started importing instant coffee from Holland at prices about 30 per cent below anything the United Kingdom manufacturers could come up with at that time.

Vendona was warmly welcomed by the big supermarkets, including Sainsbury, which were coming to the end of stocks laid down in anticipation of the expected price rise. It quickly won a large share —estimated at 4 per cent—of total sales.

Brooke Bond Oxo, whose "Brazilian Blend" brand refill had been established in the cheapest price sector, was the first to react with a 15p cut in December. Nestlé and General Foods, which had hoped to hold prices until well into 1978, were forced to follow and in January they, too, cut their prices.

Since then, with supermarkets, who are in the middle of their own price war, reducing their "own label" products, prices generally have been tumbling, to reach a level now more than 25 per cent below those charged six months ago.

The appearance of at least four major new brands within a few months has injected yet another element. These products, all containing cheaper coffee "extenders", such as chicory and bran, were brought out by the big manufacturers as soon as it became clear that consumers were resisting the high coffee prices.

The first in the field was Nestlé, which despite some reservations launched "Nescoré", a mixture of chicory and coffee developed in France, in Britain last summer.

This was quickly followed by Brooke Bond Oxo with "Coffee Time", an even cheaper product which snatched a 6 per cent share of sales within four months of its launch. A month or so later Nestlé countered with yet another new product—"Elevenses". This contained bran as well as chicory and had a milder taste, believed to be more acceptable to British consumers than "Nescoré" and at a lower price.

"Elevenses" has proved highly successful, but it is about to meet new heavyweight competition from General Foods, which was Nestlé's biggest rival until the entry of Brooke Bond Oxo into instant coffee in 1973. General Foods—belatedly in the view of most market experts—is about to launch "Brim", an instant coffee with grain extract, but its promise to the grocery trade that it will back the launch with £3m worth of advertising promotion (about double the normal budget) is worrying its competitors.

It is a measure of the speed with which the coffee market is changing that the new substitute brands had collectively snatched about 30 per cent of total instant coffee sales within about three months of their arrival. But their share has since slipped back to about 28 per cent and is expected to settle later in the year at about 20 per cent.

The changes have come too quickly for most retailers to clear their stocks. The result has been wild variation in shelf prices and, with the prospect of further price cuts following the fall in raw coffee commodity prices, all the supermarket groups are engaged in strickly hand-to-mouth buying.

For the consumer this frequently means empty shelves and a shortage of more exotic and expensive varieties such as Nestlé's "Gold Blend" and "Blend 37". For the manufacturers it means a nightmare of distribution of small batches, and short bursts of frenzied promotion while long-term marketing plans are held in abeyance until distribution and consumption patterns settle.

INSTANT COFFEE—LEADING BRAND CHANGES

Brand	Manfuacturer	% share of market 1975	1978	Change
Nescafé	Nestlé	28.8	22.3	−6.5
Maxwell House Granules	General Foods	7.6	5.4	−2.2
*Elevenses	Nestlé, launched autumn 1977	—	5.7	—
Maxwell House Powder	General Foods	7.2	5.0	−2.2
†Vendona	Copak Vendona, launched autumn 1977	—	4.0	
Brazilian Blend	Brooke Bond Oxo	6.9	8.1	+1.2
Birds Mellow	General Foods	6.8	4.4	−2.4
*Coffee Time	Brooke Bond Oxo, launched autumn 1977	—	4.5	—
Fine Blend	Nestlé	3.9	3.7	−0.2
*Brim	General Foods, launched spring 1978	—	N/A	—
Others, including own label		38.8	36.9	

* Coffee with substitutes
† Includes coffee with substitutes
Source: Trade Estimates

Business Diary: What price executives? • Pet scheme

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At the NFCG he succeeds Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, although Sir Denis is retaining responsibility for the pay issue under a reorganization of group functions.

One of the first topics Parker will want to discuss with his members is today's White Paper on the nationalized industries, the first full-dress review in a decade.



"It's serious—15 per cent of our subscribers want to emigrate."

■ *The captains of American industry are well paid by any standards, especially in the oil business. The latest shareholder proxy statement issued by Exxon Corporation in advance of its annual meeting next month shows just how well the company's chairman, Clifton Garvin, jnr, and his colleagues are doing.*

Exxon's 65 top officers and directors enjoyed total pay of $7.8m (£4.2m) last year, plus $1.9m (£1m) in cash/stock bonuses, as well as stock options and $477,997 (£255,613) "employer thrift plan contributions".

Much of the total, however, is accounted for by only the with General Motors each year for yeading place in lists of the world's biggest companies.

Garvin's pay packet alone, including bonuses, special contributions and direct pay, amounted to $723,767 (£387,041) and Exxon's president, Howard Kauffman, did not do too badly either on $475,031 (£254,027).

■ It isn't often that doctors invoke the National Health Service as a model but that is what Peter Storie-Pugh is doing. He is president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and he is trying to goad government into giving the profession more support.

His latest ploy is a RCVS conference on veterinary education to be held at Regent's Park Zoo later this month.

He says that the books, films and television programmes of James Herriot's stories have put the veterinary profession into the public eye, although Herriot was writing about 1938 and things have changed since then.

People expected their animals to be provided with therapy every bit as sophisticated as for the human patient.

Yet, adds Storie-Pugh, who is also president of the EEC vets' federation, there is no National Health Service for animals. Vets build and equip their own premises, get no subsidized drugs and—unlike Herriot—do not make a lot of money.

Veterinary education is a hot topic in the profession. Government, Storie-Pugh says, should invest in education and research. The first speaker at the conference is Sir Michael Swann, whose committee of inquiry into the profession recommended in vain something similar nearly three years ago.

It shouldn't happen to a vet.

■ Although the National Enterprise Board's share in British Leyland's capital rose this week to 99 per cent, there are still about 100,000 private shareholders, Michael Edwardes, the company's chairman, said in his typically punchy speech to the Foreign Press Association yesterday.

He was pleased, he revealed, to be among them: he had bought 1,350 shares four or five years ago and was looking forward to the day when he would be able to draw dividends and pay 97 per cent tax on them like everyone else who was waiting for proper incentives to be restored to this country.

As a deefnder of the small investor he thought it would be a pity if the company were wholly nationalized and those who had stuck to their shares—like himself—were forced to sell them.

■ Tarmac, the roadstone and civil engineering group, wants to move 40 or 50 of its top people a few miles across Wolverhampton, from its present headquarters at Ettingshall to a proposed new executive office suite at Tettenhall.

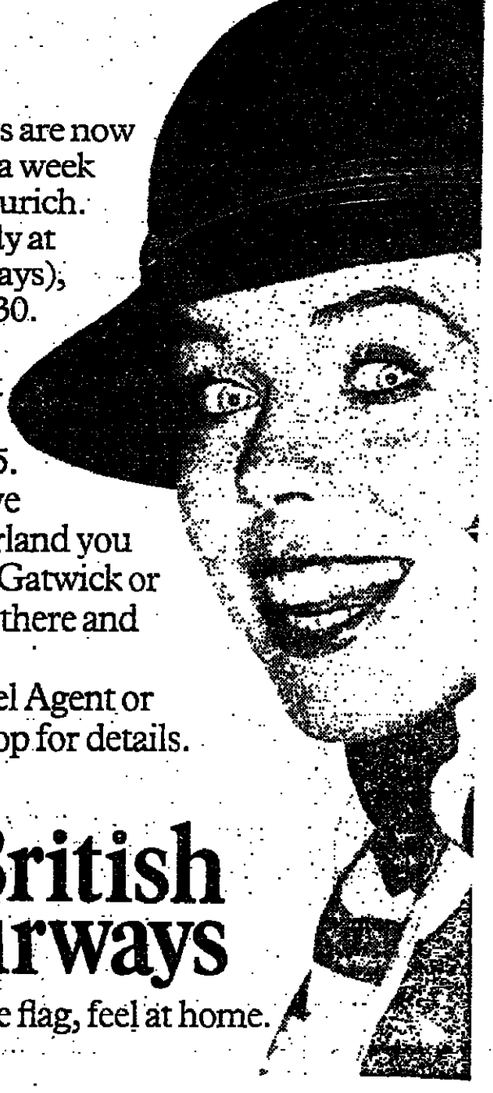
The head office has been at Ettingshall, one of the less picturesque parts of the Black Country, since 1905. There is a commanding view of the adjacent Bilston steel works, but of little else.

Tarmac, which employs about 2,000 people locally, was anxious to retain its links with the Black Country. The Tettenhall offices—to house main board members, senior executives and their staffs, as well as important overseas visitors—will be in more salubrious and country-like surroundings.

If approved, the suite will, it is understood, probably include a squash court and swimming pool. It will also be very handy for chairman Robin Martin, who lives but a few fields away.

The European Commission is put out that only one country, the smallest of the Nine, is issuing a commemorative postage stamp to mark the twentieth anniversary this year of the signing of the Treaty of Rome. Luxembourg is celebrating "one of the most important events of contemporary history" with a design from Greek mythology—showing a semi-naked woman, Europa, taming a bull.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Mitchell Cotts holds its own despite S African connexion

By Victor Felstead

Mitchell Cotts Group did not expect to do as well in 1977-78 as it did the year before. In the event, the figures for the half-year to December 31 show pre-tax profits of £4.58m, against £4.63m. Turnover slipped from £133.31m to £124.74m.

Mr P. P. Dunkley, chairman, comments that profits held up in spite of a reduced contribution from South Africa and the unfavourable effect of exchange rate movements in the half-year.

As indicated, the board believes that, mainly because of continuing lower figures from South Africa, the full year's results will be below last year's record pre-tax profit of £11.66m.

However, th eyear's net profit attributable to the group, after extraordinary items, is still expected to show an increase, although this may be "somewhat less" than originally envisaged. An unchanged interim dividend of 1p gross is being paid.

Mitchell has operating companies in 15 countries. Their main activities cover engineering, freight, transport and storage, vehicle distribution and agriculture.

Chase ends German retail banking

Chase Manhattan Bank's German subsidiary is closing the 20 branch retail banking operation which it first launched in 1973. Chase said that Familienbank, which employs 150 people, had failed to penetrate its target market and it will be closed by the end of next month. Its customer loan accounts are being transferred to Bankhause Centrale Credit AG, a bank linked to the Bank of America, which has branches in most of the same towns as Familienbank.

Samuel in Carlton theatre conversion

Samuel Properties has bought from Twentieth Century-Fox the leasehold interest in the Carlton Theatre in London's Haymarket, which it will redevelop as a cinema and office complex. It has agreed to lease the theatre to Intereuropean Property Holdings, which will be carrying out conversion and refurbishment to provide a three-cinema complex for operation by its subsidiary, Classic Cinemas.

At the rear of the theatre in St Albans St, Samuel proposes building an air-conditioned office block of about 30,000 sq ft.

English China Clays drilling extended

Drilling for tungsten and tin on land owned by English China Clays near Plymouth by Amax Exploration and Hemerdon Mining and Smelting is to be extended to land adjacent to the Hemerdon Ball prospect. Tere, Amax and Hemerdon have committed themselves to the third phase of exploration at a cost of $1m to $1.5m. ECC will receive mineral royalties and the right to any clay produced from the new area if mining proceeds.

Molins getting over last year's problems

A more optimistic outlook for 1978 is forecast by Sir Stephen Brown, chairman of Molins, the international precision engineer, in his annual statement. For the tobacco machinery division, Sir Stephen thinks that 1978 promises to be a better year with trading profit increasing on higher sales. He adds: "he setback in group trading profits we experienced last year was due to the unexpectedly poor results of the paper and packaging machinery division; and has been a great disappointment to us all following, as it does, a five-year period of steady growth for the group.

"The outlook for the current year is, however, brighter, and subject only to unforeseen events your board anticipates that both sales and profits in 1978 will be higher than in 1977. Looking further ahead we are making steady progress towards our goal of being leaders in all our products".

Good times roll at Appleyard Group

Last year, the pre-tax profits of the Appleyard Group reached £1.46m, compared with the estimate made in February of about £1.47m, and £1.36m for 1976. Turnover went up from £77.33m to £89.66m. As known, a total gross dividend of 7.44p is being paid for 1977, against 6.76p. The forecast of dividends totalling 9.46p gross for 1978 is confirmed. Mr Ian Appleyard, British Leyland chairman, reports that 1978 has started well. The group's car sales are rising each month, and the three recently-bought Ford Main dealerships are making a "very useful contribution" to profits.

Yearling bonds jump to 8¼ per cent

Up again goes the coupon on local authority bonds from 7¾ per cent to 8¼ per cent—the highest rate this year. The biggest borrower this week is Glasgow with £2m, while London and Renfrew are each raising £1m. Variable bonds are preferred by Strathclyde at £1.5m, Central Regional Council and Bolton each with £1m, and South Cambridgeshire at £500,000.

Discount scheme at Henderson-Kenton extended

Henderson-Kenton, the retail furnishing group, is to extend its 10 per cent shareholder discount scheme to individual members of unit trusts for a trial period of one year from April 1.

The discount offered to unit holders is off items not already reduced in any of the group's branches trading as "Kentons" in England and "Hendersons" in Scotland. The same facility has been enjoyed by ordinary shareholders since December, 1976.

To qualify, a unit trust must hold at least 20,000 Henderson-Kenton ordinary shares in its own name. This latter requirement is to avoid "umbrella" holdings covering several trusts.

A customer will have to present his original unit certificate to Henderson-Kenton at the time of buying, or the group has to receive written verification of the individual's holding from the trust within two weeks of an order being placed in the store.

Volvo leading Lex to new high ground

By Ronald Pullen

After the traumas of the past four years, Lex Service Group is now reasonably firmly based with a stronger balance sheet and encouraging trading prospects to match.

Mr Trevor Chinn, chairman, is "cautiously optimistic" about the outcome for this year. This should mean pre-tax profits of around £17m compared with last year's £12.5m.

His confidence stems from the birghter outlook for the United Kingdom car market where registrations were some 23 pe rcent ahead in the first quarter of this year.

More important to the group, however, is the increasing penetration of Volvo, where Lex holds the United Kingdom concession, whose sales reached their highest ever level in the first three months, despite the poor reception to its small 343 series.

Meanwhile, Lex is looking to build on the growing strength of its other divisions, particularly the fork-lift truck and transportation sides, although th latter depended largely on the level of retail sales.

Hotel operations are continuing to do well, according to Mr Chinn with the pre-interest return on capital now matching that in the rest of the group at around 20 per cent. The sale of the Carlton Tower to the still unidentified Proteus Group while benefiting the balance sheet will lnot cut too deeply into profits.



Mr Trevor Chinn, chairman of Lex Service Group

Last year Lex derived operating profits of £2.3m from the Carlton Tower and the management contract it still has on th> hotel lis worth £700,000 a year while there will be a corresponding drop in interest charges. The shares gained 2p to 76p.

Scottish Metropolitan revaluation in July

By Ray Maughan

The Scottish Metropolitan Property share price of 105p, up 2p yesterday, has long been anticipating the results of the current property revaluation. It is further underpinned by the expected upsurge in rack rental income.

Properties are now mostly in the books at 1973 values which amount to 76p per share on a fully diluted basis. Scottish Metropolitan expects the results of the present revaluation sometime in the latter part of July, and it is likely that, other than new nevelopments and acquisition, the portfolio will reveal a strong rise in shop property values.

The income front, for the moment, is a case of jam tomorrow. Last November, the board headed by Mr Isidore Walton estimated that existing rack rental income would rise by 80 per cent in the five years to 1982, which implies a compound growth rate of 12.25 per cent.

Net revenue growth from properties in the six months ended February 15 last falls just short of the projected rate with a gain of 11 per cent to £1.38m.

But a substantial number of reversions due this year fall in the second six months which, together with some current prelet developments producing income for the first time, should greatly increase the level of rents receivable.

Pre-tax profits rose by £39,000 to £539,000 at the interim stage, leaving attributable earnings at £379,000 against £347,000. The dividend is hoisted from the equivalent of 0.82p to 0.9p per share.

Down from £675,000 to £134,000 pre-tax last year, attributable profits from Law Land climbed from £413,000 to £527,000 after an extraordinary credit of £2.69m on investment property sale surpluses, mortgage redemptions, tax adjustments and exchange rate gains.

A revaluation of the portfolio would show a surplus of £13m over its £49.49m book value but the total dividend is cut from 2.317p to 1p per share with a final of 0.5p. The shares were unchanged yesterday at 43p.

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

	Sales by volume 1971 = 100	Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months at annual rate	New credit extd £m
1976			
Dec	105.2	−5.2	331
1977			
Jan	104.5	−3.0	324
Feb	104.0	0.2	342
March	101.7	−5.6	351
April	102.3	−8.6	346
May	103.2	−8.2	358
June	102.1	−3.4	346
July	104.8	2.8	359
Aug	104.7	5.9	404
Sept	103.5	7.2	388
Oct	102.7	1.0	371
Nov	103.1	−3.0	402
Dec	106.9	−0.4	411
1978			
Jan	104.9	5.3	425
Feb	106.8	—	419

BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom Banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid month	Eligible liabilities £m	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio
1977			
Jan	38,147	− 5.1	14.4
Feb	34,634	−23.7	13.8
March	34,977	−19.1	13.9
April	35,843	− 3.3	14.2
May	35,824	+11.9	14.0
June	36,279	+15.7	14.0
July	37,094	+14.6	14.0
Aug	37,691	+22.5	14.5
Sept	38,793	+30.8	14.5
Oct	39,705	+31.4	14.5
Nov	40,196	+29.6	15.1
Dec	40,833	+22.9	14.8
1978			
Jan	41,632	+20.9	14.8
Feb	42,224	+21.6	14.0
March	42,575	+18.2	14.1

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves issued by the Treasury:

End of period	$m	£m	Change in month $m
1977			
Feb	7,787	4,546	+591
March	9,618	5,592	+1,831
April	10,130	5,892	+512
May	9,901	5,760	−229
June	11,572	6,727	+1,671
July	13,422	7,725	+1,850
Aug	14,852	8,521	+1,430
Sept	17,171	9,826	+2,319
Oct	20,211	10,987	+3,040
Nov	20,394	11,227	+193
Dec	20,557	10,715	+163
1978			
Jan	20,868	10,691	+311
Feb	20,701	10,690	−167
March	20,320	10,910	−381

1977 Annual Report

Canadian Pacific Limited

Highlights: In 1977 the Company's consolidated net income reached a record level of $247.0 million. This was nearly double the earnings of five years ago and was $56.5 million, or 30%, higher than in 1976. Per Ordinary share, net income amounted to $3.41, an increase of 79¢ over 1976.

Dividends of 95¢ per share on the Ordinary stock were 9¢ more than in 1976; this increase was within the limits allowed by the Anti-Inflation Board. Of the 1977 dividends, 48.5¢ per share was the proceeds of dividends from Canadian Pacific Investments Limited, compared with 45¢ in 1976.

Extraordinary income of $7.2 million in 1977 represented the Company's share of the net gain by CP Investments on the sale of CanPac Leasing Limited in April.

In many respects 1977 was an unlikely year for a new record in earnings. It was a year of slow economic growth and accelerating price inflation which had a restricting effect on real disposable income, and hence on consumer spending. Similarly, it had a discouraging effect on business capital investment. The major strength of the economy was in merchandise exports, particularly to the United States. The decline in the value of the Canadian dollar gave added impetus to the export sector but also raised the prices of imports into Canada.

General economic conditions thus left a great deal to be desired. However, a number of specific situations were favourable enough to enable most of the Company's operations to do better than they had in the previous year, even if earnings in some cases still fell short of providing an acceptable return on investment. The oil and gas interests of Canadian Pacific Investments gave a major lift to earnings, but the year's income flow was also significantly augmented by increased earnings in most of the other areas of that company's activities. In the transportation sector, airline operations were restored to profitability after two years of losses, results of rail operations in both Canada and the U.S. showed improvement, and income was up from telecommunications as well as from container shipping. The only operations that did not trend upward were trucks, whose earnings were lower than in 1976, and bulk shipping and hotels, both of which incurred sizeable losses in 1977.

The Company's earnings achievements were matched by progress in developmental activity to ensure the earnings of the future. PanCanadian Petroleum carried out an extensive exploration program and has been acquiring land for exploration and development in the high potential oil and gas areas of Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. Cominco opened its new ammonia-urea complex east of Calgary. Fording Coal completed a program to increase the capacity of its treatment plant. Pacific Logging planted more than a million trees and fertilized large acreages of forest lands. Dominion Bridge acquired Amtel Inc., a U.S.-based diversified engineering, construction and manufacturing enterprise. Marathon Realty expanded with new shopping centres, office building projects and industrial buildings. CP Hotels opened its new hotel at Montreal's Mirabel International Airport and took over management of hotels in the Bahamas, in Mexico and in Israel. Chateau Insurance acquired the Canadian business of Great American Insurance Company. CP Rail started construction on a two-tracking program for sections of the main line through the Rocky Mountains to assist in meeting Western Canada's future transportation needs. CP Air ordered four new aircraft. Canadian Pacific Consulting Services undertook new assignments throughout the world and signed a major contract to design a 1,500-km iron ore railway in Algeria.

All the signs suggest that 1978 will be another difficult year for the Canadian and world economies. Government actions to stimulate economic activity are either being taken or are being proposed in a number of countries, including Canada. These will be welcome as long as they do not set in motion a new wave of inflation. Having been badly battered in recent years, business confidence would be further shaken by any threat of a resurgence of high inflation rates.

In the economic circumstances most likely to prevail in 1978, few sectors of the Company will find it easy to achieve growth in earnings over 1977. New labour contracts have yet to be negotiated for pulp and paper, iron and steel and several hotels, in most cases after phase-out of inflation controls begins. The outcome of such negotiations will be significant. High world inventories could adversely affect prices of such commodities as coal, zinc, pulp and certain agriproducts. The outlook is promising for oil and gas and real estate and generally favourable for the transportation enterprises, except bulk shipping.

Canadian Pacific Limited

Summarized Statement of Income	1977	1976	Increase or (Decrease)
Net income from:	(in millions)		
CP Rail	$ 54.8	$ 51.1	$ 3.7
CP Trucks	0.8	1.8	(1.0)
CP Telecommunications	2.6	2.0	0.6
CP Air	3.3	(9.8)	13.1
CP Ships	(10.3)	3.6	(13.9)
Miscellaneous	7.5	15.1	(7.6)
CP Investments Limited	170.0	117.8	52.2
Equity in income of subsidiary not consolidated	11.1	8.9	2.2
Income before extraordinary item	239.8	190.5	49.3
Extraordinary item	7.2	—	7.2
Net income	$247.0	$190.5	$56.5
Per Ordinary share:			
Income before extraordinary item	$3.31	$2.62	$0.69
Net income	3.41	2.62	0.79
Dividends	0.95	0.86	0.09

CP Investments Limited

Summarized Statement of Net Income	1977	1976	Increase or (Decrease)
	(in millions)		
Oil and gas	$110.2	$ 74.1	$36.1
Mines and minerals	41.0	32.4	8.6
Forest products	10.3	5.2	5.1
Iron and steel	23.0	13.5	9.5
Real estate	11.6	10.4	1.2
Hotels and food services	(4.7)	—	(4.7)
Finance	2.5	2.3	0.2
Other operations	4.3	0.8	3.5
Investment income	6.5	1.5	5.0
	204.7	140.2	64.5
Interest of outside CPI shareholders	34.7	22.4	12.3
Net income to CP Limited before extraordinary item	$170.0	$117.8	$52.2

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TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP IN 1977

* Strong profit growth, from £14.76 million to £18.08 million.
* Road haulage profits maintained despite intensely competitive conditions; many costs increased above the rate of inflation.
* Storage contributed almost £2 million by way of additional profit. Cold storage in particular had a very good year.
* Results of the plant hire companies more satisfactory than at one time expected.
* Industrial removal and engineering companies performed well even though not at full stretch.
* Recovery in profits of the exhibition companies continued.
* Sound results from the reinforcement companies bearing in mind the difficult trading background.
* Warehousing and cold storage companies in the Netherlands produced excellent profits; road haulage companies affected by lack of traffic.
* Modest contribution from the French companies. Refrigerated transport undertaking acquired at Rocquefort.
* Australian companies again produced increased profits due to a very high level of activity in the first six months. Falling away in activity as the financial year ended.
* Although there are few signs as yet that 1978 will produce a climate favourable to profit growth, profits to date are ahead of those for last year.

Full report and accounts available from the Secretary, Transport Development Group Ltd., Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria St., London SW1E 6SR

		1974	1975	1976	1977
Turnover	£'000	119,344	129,354	160,547	192,816
Profit before tax	£'000	13,556	12,122	14,760	18,078
Net assets	£'000	68,764	78,209	90,058	103,798
Return on cap. employed	%	21.3	17.2	18.2	19.3
Earnings	Pence per share	5.4	4.8	5.6	7.2
Dividends	Pence per share	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.8
Net assets	Pence per share	39.6	42.5	45.9	49.4

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NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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eighth, better, but at the longer-end gains were more pronounced with some stocks ending up to five-eighths above their overnight levels.

On the stores pitch Peters Stores gained 2p to 42p, after 46p, on good first-half figures. But unlike Freemans, up another 6p to 238p after Monday's figures, Grattan were a shade below market expectations and closed 6p lower at 122p. Elsewhere in the sector the pick was British Home Stores, which as well supported to close 6p up at 175p.

Food retailers continued to benefit from some institutional feeling that worries over the prices "war" in recent months might have been overdone and that now might be a good buying opportunity. The pick were Sainsbury, which ended 7p better at 172p, Nurdin & Peacock, up 5p to 81p, and Associated Dairies which put on 4p to 217p. In spite of takeover denials Robertson Foods continued to find favour with the speculators, rising another 2p to 149p, but J Lyons reversed an early rise to end a penny down to 93p after third quarter results which were below most hopes.

In the motor sector Tex Service put on 2p to 76p on the chairman's optimistic remarks while figures from the Yorkshire-based distributor Appleyard, which has recently spread its wings into the south of England, lifted the price 2p to 83p. In spite of its toolmakers' strike and consequent interim setback Lucas still has its supporters and with some investors feeling ground will be made up in the second half the shares rose 3p to 283p.

Among the industrial leaders gains were mainly of about 3p to 4p. But Fisons managed to touch 347p, a gain of 7p, at one stage even though it closed 3p ahead at 340p. BOC firmed slightly to 69p in spite of some criticism of the Airco takeover situation.

Johnson-Richards Tiles slipped a couple of pence to 116p in spite of thoughts that the Hepworth Ceramic terms might not be the end of the story. After the big fall on Monday, Henry Wigfall recouped 17p for a close of 212p while another to regain ground was Mills & Allen which put on 13p to 173p. Channel Tunnel rose another 3p to 63p and two low-priced stocks to attract speculative support were Queen's Moat, up 2p to 32p, and Talbex where the rise was 2p to 25½p.

Still looking for stimulus from next week's Budget, Costain 5p to 259p were the best of a firm building sector while news of redundancies did not upset Tootal which firmed a penny to 50p.

No one expects to report joyfully on last year with most £46m and £48m and some even thinking that they will be more like £44m against 1976's £43.48m. Cable slump and tough going overseas will have played a part but there are also worries that further provisions are to come against Balfour Beatty. Any dividend rise will probably be modest. There may not be one at all. The share are 105p.

The shipping sector was generally in retreat but Ocean Transport rose 4p to 125p in spite of the cautious reception given to Monday's figures and the other exception was P & O, which gained 2p to 99p. The attraction for Ocean appears to be the yield.

In properties more optimistic views on interest rates brought a firmer look with Stock Conversion leading the way ahead with a rise of 6p to 230p.

Equity turnover on April 3 was £60.56m (19,112 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, ICI, Shell, Burmah, EMI, Beecham, British Leyland, GEC, Rank, Tate & Lyle, Reed International, British Home Stores, Grand Metropolitan, Letraset and Lonrho.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div. pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Appleyard Gp (F)	89.66(77.33)	1.46(1.36)	12.49(11.60)	3.28(2.77)	6/4	4.91(4.44)
Bnk Scotland (F)	—(—)	27.59(26.77)	—(—)	5.45(4.88)	22/5	10.89(9.82)
Wm Boulton (I)	9.69(8.42)	0.57(0.49)	—(—)	0.55(0.50)	15/5	—(1.2)
Cape Ind (F)	155.37(133.11)	11.86(14.20)	39.1(38.9)	5.30(4.7)	26/5	8.20(7.3)
Grattan Whses (F)	166.68(148.51)	11.76(11.43)	12.41(12.38)	3.80(—)	—	5.56(5.21)
Greenbank Tst (F)	8.35(7.42)	2.0(1.49)	—(—)	0.85(—)	22/5	1.67(1.50)
GKN (F)	1,639.2(1,501.2)	72.3(97.7)	24.9(44.1)	10.06(8.04)	—	15.56(12.38)
Harrison (F)	17.65(15.62)	0.30(0.10)	10.24(1.75)	2.70(2.27)	1/6	4.19(3.75)
Highland Elec (I)	3.19(2.44)	0.25(0.19)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(1.07)
T. Jourdan (F)	4.62(5.43)	0.50(0.60)	8.94(7.94)	1.89(1.62)	—	2.89(2.6)
Jove Inv (F)	—(—)	0.19(0.19)	3.82(3.38)	1.8(1.6)	25/6	3.50(3.25)
Law Land (F)	8.97(8.32)	0.13(0.67)	1.50(1.21)	0.50(1.31)	11/7	1.0(2.31)
Mitchell Cotts (I)	124.74(133.31)	4.58(4.63)	—(—)	0.65(0.65)	5/6	—(3.3)
Peters Stores (I)	3.35(2.73)	0.38(0.12)	5.0(1.8)	1.0(0.3)	30/5	—(1.0)
Richrds (Leic) (F)	5.71(4.08)	0.66(0.48)	17.0(12.2)	2.59(2.3)	—	3.80(3.44)
Savoy Hotel (F)	—(—)	2.69(1.24)	—(—)	1.1(1.0)	—	1.1(1.0)
Scot Met Prop (I)	—(—)	0.53(0.50)	—(—)	0.9(0.82)	21/8	—(1.7)
Stern Osmat (F)	23.2(22.4)	0.44(0.42)	6.0(5.9)	—(—)	—	—(—)
W. Bke, Brae (F)	17.57(14.89)	2.73(2.13)	14.79(15.84)	1.78(1.1)	30/5	2.7(2.1)
Zenith Carb (F)	11.76(10.73)	1.31(1.21)	10.8(9.7)	4.3(3.9)	—	4.3(3.9)
Wm Yates (F)	—(—)	0.21(0.15)	—(—)	2.9(2.7)	—	2.9(2.7)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net.

THE SCOTTISH EASTERN INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

The Fifty-third Annual General Meeting of The Scottish Eastern Investment Trust Limited will be held on Monday 24th April 1978 at the offices of the Company, 29 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, Mr A. Logan McClure (the Chairman) presiding.

The following are extracts from the Directors' Report for the year to 31st January 1978:—

REVENUE

Total Revenue as shown in the Accounts increased from £3,923,307 to £4,442,099 and after charging interest on borrowed money, management expenses and taxation, the revenue available for distribution amounts to £2,339,348 compared with £2,033,964 previously.

DIVIDEND

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 2·80p per Ordinary Share which, with the increased interim dividend, makes 4·05p for the year, compared with 3·50p last year. After payment of the dividend the revenue carry forward is increased by £118,423.

VALUATION

At the year-end, the total net assets attributable to Ordinary Shares was £80,613,668 compared with £75,012,408 last year. Cash on Deposit of £8,836,858 is represented by £5,960,000 in Sterling and the Sterling equivalent of U.S. $1,318,036 at an exchange rate of 1·9522 and where applicable, 28 ⅞ per cent Premium. Based on these figures, the Net Asset Value of an Ordinary Share was 153p compared with 142p a year ago.

The Net Asset Value represents as accurately as possible the amount of assets less liabilities at work per share on the Balance Sheet date. It should not be construed as the 'break-up value' or amount realisable on liquidation.

At 31st January 1978, 80.1 per cent of the funds was invested in equities with 29.9 per cent of the total in North America and a further 7.1 per cent in other overseas countries. 7.8 per cent was held in Cash Deposits. Changes in the geographical distribution during the year were the result of market movements.

OUTLOOK

The past year has been a period of consolidation for the United Kingdom economy. The increased flow of oil from the North Sea has contributed markedly to the improved balance of payments position and strengthened the currency. However, a continuation of this trend could easily be endangered by a relatively modest rise in imports and a similar fall in exports.

Slow growth in world trade, combined with very volatile foreign exchange rates, does not bode well for the profitability of many British companies. This, along with the fragile state of some of the nationalised industries, is hardly encouraging and, with a General Election looming, the cautious state of the stock market is likely to continue.

In the U.S.A. the economy continues to make slow but satisfactory progress, and inflation in 1977 was contained to a rate of around 6 per cent. Despite this, the dollar has remained suspect due to the large trade deficit which stems from the cost of imported oil. The stock market seems likely to remain weak until there is a new energy policy, and generally a better understanding of and trust in the administration. However, unless something unexpected occurs such as the reintroduction of price controls, many shares now seem to be available at prices which should prove very rewarding to long-term investors.

Our policy now, as in the past, is to aim for long-term growth in income and capital, and by maintaining a broad industrial and geographic spread of investments to minimise shareholders' risk. This aim is hampered by the country's tax system and exchange control regulations. However, the abolition of the 25 per cent premium dollar surrender rule from 1st January this year has reduced considerably the very high cost of switching overseas investments and provided an opportunity for more flexible management.

Due to currency movements, it is even more difficult than usual to estimate accurately revenue for the current year. However, some improvement in earnings is expected.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

	Year ended 31st January 1978	1977
Total Revenue	£4,442,099	£3,923,307
Earned per Ordinary Share	4.27p	3.69p
Paid per Ordinary Share	4.05p	3.50p
Total Net Assets attributable to Ordinary Shares	£80,613,668	£75,012,408
Net asset value of each Ordinary Share		
Prior charges at par	153p	142p
Prior charges at market value	158p	149p
Number of Ordinary Shareholders	9,300	9,900

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attan blames its alogue for fall

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Warehouses, the r group, blames a mn/winter catalogue nd-half setback which ar profits less than t up at £11.76m.

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Pickard, chairman, day that sales from n/winter catalogue r expectations in ct groups and that spending came too he shortfall to be

However, he reports that a better presented sprin/summer catalogue offering improved merchandise at more competitive prices has resulted in demand recovering well in the current year.

With earnings per share moving up only fractionally to 12.41p last year the group has refrained from paying the maximum dividend increase. The total payment goes up by just over 6½ per cent to 8.43p gross.

Grattan is to ask shareholders to support the adoption of updated Articles of Association and a £2m increase in authorized share capital to £11.0m at the annual meeting next month.

Mr Pickard said yesterday that the group has no unissued capital at the moment and it was decided to create 8 million unclassified 25p shares to be available in case of future opportunities.

on-Richards Tiles

pworth to succeed at right price

l of H. & R. Johnson- iles meet today to Hepworth Ceramic's It now looks as decision will be to more than the 118p ng offered by Hep- theodds must be in the bid ultimately

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s phenomenal ord culminating in r profits improve- 6.7m last year has spite of slack con- ost of its markets. e swingeing econo- production of clay as virtually all the dom clay pipe mar- made a significant e United States. e time it offset the on by undercutting worldwide refrac- ers.

kind of efficiency ly go so far and, as ity of a significant rm continues to worth needs a sub- growth area. ichards is linked by clayware technology and yet it provides a substantial and largely unexplored market for Hepworth in the form of 65 per cent of the United Kingdom tile market and some overseas interests.

In trading terms the one question mark is whether Hepworth has the management to ensure the company breaks away from the profits plateau where it has languished since 1973, with the exception of a sharp dip in 1975.

On a historic basis the price suggests Hepworth believes it can do it. At 118p per share the fully taxed exic p/e ratio is 12.3, but the 41 per cent increase in Johnson-Richards' interim profits has prompted estimates of profits of £5.5m this year reducing the ratio to just under ten.

Now Hepworth's problem is how far it is prepared to go for this attractive prospect. Its initial announcement that it would welcome bid talks was almost instantly followed by a statement from London Brick, which holds 9.8 per cent of Johnson-Richards, and various other shareholders representing a total of 25 per cent of the equity that any offer of at least 125p should be put to the shareholders as a whole.

This group, apart from London Brick, is largely family-connected and may well have felt its personal link with the company was broken with Mr Johnson's death.

The comment in their statement about the board possibly feeling unable to recommend any offer seems to imply that they do not feel quite as close to the board's thought processes as they might like to be. So a third force has effectively emerged.

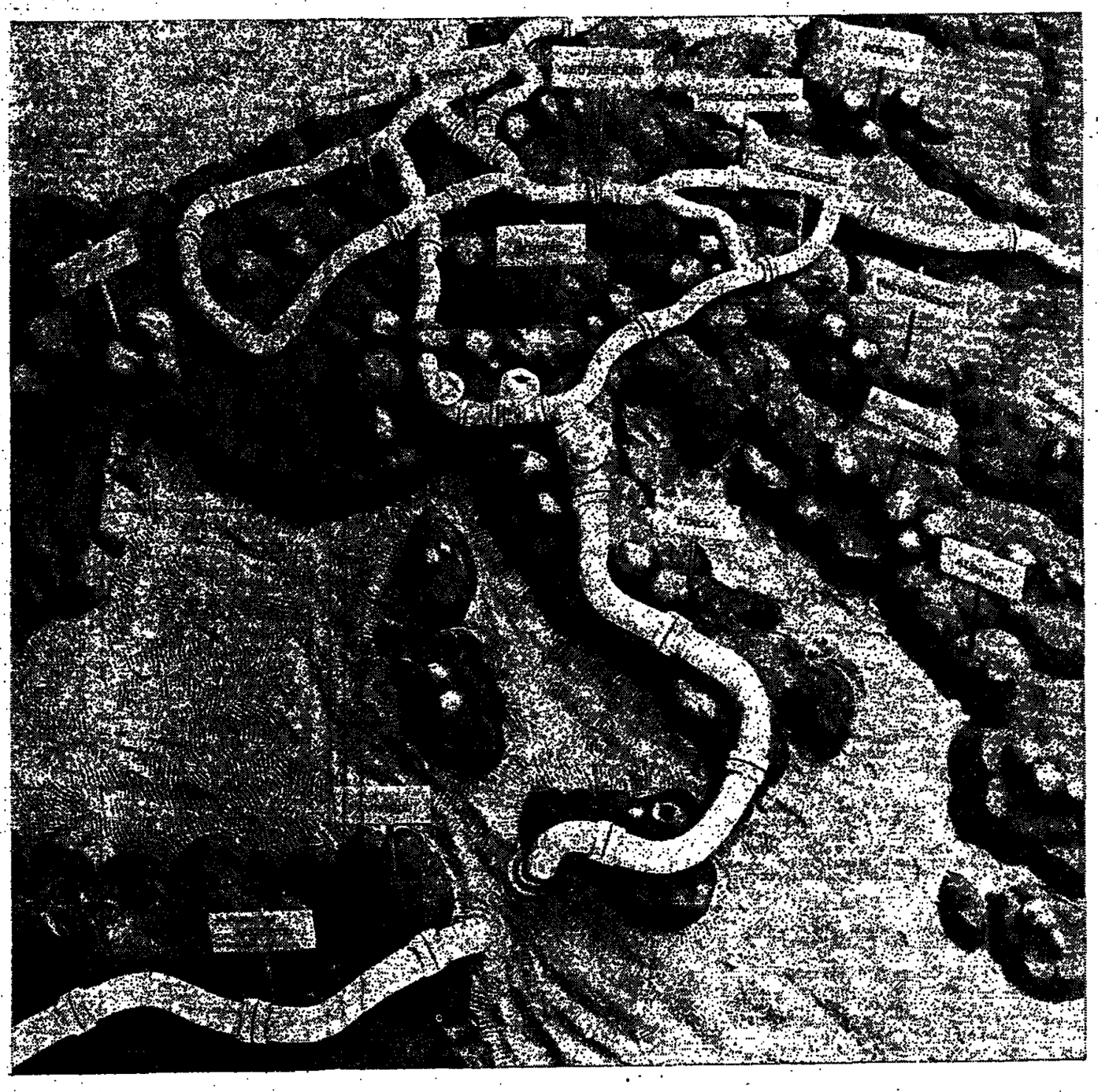
Bryan Appleyard

tements for March

the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries nd Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man made 15 are summarized in the table below:

	£ millions							
	Total	Change on Month	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	National Westminster	Williams & Glyn's
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t Eng	990	— 106	297	179	191	284	59
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rket	10,414	— 53	2,629	2,350	1,612	3,359	264
	9,426	+ 61	2,532	2,329	1,521	2,677	366
	1,153	+ 38	288	118	101	216	19
	822	+ 11	255	117	183	241	87
ans							
	2,941	+ 143	510	427	265	786	145
	26,797	+ 382	7,896	5,997	6,880	7,796	912
(%)	15.2	+ 0.3	12.9	10.6	15.2	15.8	14.2

Natural gas soon to link two continents



SNAM is about to build a 2,500 kilometres intercontinental gasline, from Africa to Europe through the Mediterranean Sea.

This highly technological work represents an important step in the energy transportation field and a new main-line in the European gasline network.

The SNAM contract with Sonatrach (Algeria) will ensure an annual importation to Italy of 12 billion cubic metres of natural gas from Algeria, for a period of 25 years.

The gasline will cross Algeria, Tunisia, the Sicily Channel, Sicily, the Straits of Messina and continental Italy up to Minerbio (Bologna).

A first gasline has been laid down through the Straits of Messina while deep water laying trials in the Sicily Channel have already been successfully concluded.

This project implies a large financial and technical effort and requires more laying of long underwater stretches.

The achievement of this project will actuate a strong economical exchange with Algeria, with consequent advantages for both Countries.

SNAM has already linked Italy to Holland and the USSR with two gaslines, and imports LNG from Libya.

SNAM is one of the companies of the ENI Group, the Italian public holding operating in the following fields: hydrocarbons, chemicals, nuclear energy, engineering, services and manufacturing.

SNAM is presently working with other European natural gas companies to ensure new precious and clean energy to towns and industries.

Snam
An ENI Group Company

FINANCIAL NEWS

Lesney to pay £2.3m for die-caster

A major diversification move is under way at Lesney Products, the manufacturer of "Matchbox" toys and plastic construction kits. It has signed an agreement to take over Metal Castings Doehler, a Worcester-based group which is one of the biggest independent aluminium pressure diecasters in the United Kingdom. It employs about 960 people.

The price is £2.31m and the seller is NL Industries of the United States. The takeover is conditional on its not being referred to the Monopolies Commission. Lesney is already a major zinc-diecaster.

Net tangible assets of Metal Castings at the end of last year totalled £2.85m. Pre-tax profits for 1977 were £428,000 on net sales of £11.65m.

A subsequent professional valuation made for Lesney on an existing-use basis of the freehold factory at Worcester shows a surplus of £732,000 over the £653,000, balance-sheet figure.

Metal Castings' factory site covers some 13 acres. Allied operations include zinc-diecasting and the manufacture of "floating floors" for computer rooms.

The merger will broaden Lesney's industrial activities from zinc into aluminium and it will satisfy a wider technological spectrum of customers' needs.



Mr Paul Tapscott, chairman of Lesney Products.

Mr Leslie Smith, Lesney's managing director, said that his group wants to diversify to a point where about 20 per cent of its business is outside toys. Lesney's present industrial interests account for about 4 per cent of the group's total trade.

With Metal Castings, which produces components for the motor industry and for the domestic and electrical market, this will be raised to over 15 per cent.

Estel blames big loss on steel crisis

Estel NV Hoesch Hodgovens, the Dutch raw steel producer, with interests in metals, minerals and engineering, says that its Fl153.5m (about £15m) fourth quarter loss in 1977 was its worst in any quarter and underlines the crisis in the steel industry.

The group in a statement on 1977 Trading said that the European Community's "Davignon Plan" for the future of the steel industry failed to achieve its aim in the fourth quarter of last year.

Estel said that the fourth quarter loss was considerably higher than the group's net third quarter Fl93.1m deficit.

"This loss is not entirely due to the continued decline in prices for rolled steel", the group said. "but also to the lower usage of production capacity prompted by a dearth of new orders".

In the fourth quarter of last year production in the rolled steel division of the Estel group was 1.98 million tonnes, 12 per cent down on the third quarter.

The statement said although some improvement in prices for steel can be expected the first quarter of this year, trading results were likely to remain unfavourable.—Reuter.

Dumez-Saudi link

Société Dumez, the holding company of a French public works group, has signed a protocol with the Saudi Arabian-owned Tag Company to set up a joint engineering subsidiary in Saudi Arabia, the French company announces. The announcement also disclosed that Tag has acquired a 10 per cent interest in Dumez through purchases at the Paris Bourse. Dumez is capitalized at Fl100m (about £10.3m).

International

Deutsche bank's plan

Deutsche Bank AG of West Germany says that it plans to pay a DM9 dividend on 1977 results. However, the total payout will be DM14.06 per DM50 share, when the DM5 per share tax credit resulting from the recent corporatio ntax reform is taken into account.

The dividend proposal, agreed by the bank's supervisory board, will be put to the annual shareholders meeting on May 18.

Credit Suisse

Credit Suisse plans to retain its controlling interest in Elektrowatt AG, bank chairman, Mr Oswald Aeppli, states.

He was commenting on the bank's non-banking interests after the sale last year of its stake of around 50 per cent in the Jelmoli store group to UTC International AG of Basle. The funds created by this sale will add about Swiss F12m (about £3m) annually to the bank's earnings, Mr Aeppli said.

Montagne cuts zinc

Brussels. Mines et Fonderies de Zinz de la Vieille Montagne is immediately cutting production of zinc ingots by up to 2,500 tonnes a month.

The cut will reach 2,500 tonnes a month on the basis of the average 1977 production of 17,000 tonnes a month, and the cutback will be maintained until after the summer holiday.

The reduction was forced by the poor state of the zinc market in Europe, Vielle Montagne said. Last October the company reported that it was certain to make a heavy loss in 1977 due to large losses on zinc. Indeed they were worsening from month to month.—Reutr.

Cook Inds sale

Cook Industries of Memphis, United States, says it has agreed to sell its reserve, Louisiana, export elevator and related grain business to Mitsui and Co, of America. It did not disclose the terms.

The financially troubled grain concern announced last month that it would sell also its seven inland elevators to Mitsui, a unit of Mitsui and Company,

NEB assists Canning's electronic take over

By Our Financial Staff

W. Canning has bought Hird Brown, a Bolton-based electronics company, and has agreed with the National Enterprise Board to provide long-term finance for Brown's expansion. Canning makes electroplating and polishing plant.

The price is £250,000, besides a further payment based upon the profits of Brown in 1978 and 1979. The NEB has subscribed for £250,000 9 per cent preference shares redeemable by 1988 in Brown and is providing that company with a £150,000 loan for five years.

The NEB has an option to convert part of its investment to not more than 29.9 per cent of the ordinary capital in Brown.

The acquisition makes available to Canning an electronics company well placed to assist the group with electronic innovation within its traditional fields.

Brown also operates in areas which complement the Canning Group's investments in pollution and environmental control.

The NEB investment in Brown is the first to be approved by the NEB's recently-established North West Regional Board.

It is in line with the Regional Board's policies to support expansion projects in growth industries, and to enter into partnership with well-established public companies to promote soundly-based growth in the North West.

Mr Martin Schuler, the managing director of Brown, stated that Brown was poised for major expansion both in its home and export markets.

The demand for its products with their emphasis on such growth fields as automation and energy conservation is strong.

Brown is a private company formed in 1959

Business appointments

New chairman for Mitchell Cotts

Mr P. P. Dunkley, deputy chairman and managing director of Mitchell Cotts Group, has been elected chairman and managing director in place of Mr J. K. Dick, who has retired.

Mr J. P. Adderley has been appointed to the board of Great Universal Stores. Mr W. S. Peacock has retired.

Mr S. M. Gray becomes a director of Associated Newspapers Group.

Mr E. John Baden has been appointed managing director and chief executive of the Italian International Bank with effect from June 30. Dr Mario Perricone, on secondment as deputy chief executive, is returning to the Banco di Sicilia.

Mr T. J. Swete, chief executive of Hill Samuel Frankfurt, has been appointed to the board of Hill Samuel London.

Mr Ronald Gee is appointed chairman of Drexel Burnham Lambert Limited and vice-president of Drexel Burnham Lambert Incorporated.

Mr I. R. Walker has been made a director of Alexander Duckham.

Mr Peter Parker, head of British Rail has been elected to succeed Sir Denis Rooke, of the British Gas Corporation, as chairman of the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group.

Mr M. Turnbull has joined the board of George Sturla and Son.

Mr John Carr is to become managing director of Pirelli from July 3, succeeding Mr Norman Mould, who retires in June. Mr Carr is general manager of the group purchasing and management services division of Dunlop.

Mr Gerald R. James has been made a director of Belhaven Brwery Group.

Mr Robert Brook, chief executive of the National Bus Co, has additionally been appointed deputy chairman of the group.

Mr William Kenyon has been named chief executive of Barker and Dobson.



Mr P. P. Dunkley, new chairman and managing director of Mitchell Cotts Group.

Mr John Richardson has ben made managing director of Sylvania in the United Kingdom.

Mr Ian Gordon becomes a director of Manson Byng (Reinsurance Brokers).

Mr R. H. Soames becomes chairman and Mr J. W. Stokes managing director of Watneys Southern, following the departure of Mr D. P. Johnson. Mr Soames will retain chairman and managing director of Watneys London.

Mr Clifford Tippett has been installed as president of the Incorporated Society of Valuers & Auctioneers. He is chairman of Abbeyview Property.

Mr W. F. Robertson has joined the board of Scottish Western Investment in place of Lord Clydesmuir who has resigned.

Dr A. Kent has been appointed an additional director of Leigh Interests.

Mr J. P. F. Ive has been made chairman and Mr M. J. Grint deputy chairman of Hartley Cooper UK, which has been formed to transact the business previously handled by the United Kingdom non-marine division of Hartley Cooper & Co. Mr J. E. Jewiss is managing director.

Mr Neil MacGregor has been appointed a director of Guy Butler (Jersey).

Mr R. W. Myers and Mr M. B. Griffith have become directors of Engelmann & Buckham following a reorganization of the board and the resignation of Mr C. M. Mallett. Mr M. Hulme, company secretary, has joined the board of a new company, Engelmann & Buckham (Holdings).

Mr C. I. Garland has been made a director of Folgate Underwriting Agency.

Mr Thomas Edge, joint managing director of I. J. Dewhirst, has been elected chairman of the Shirt Manufacturers' Federation.

Mr David Tittle will join the board of Reliance Knitwear Group from April 1 and will also become managing director of Drewry & Edwards.

Mr R. G. Walker and Mr J. J. Hobbs have joined the board of C. F. Taylor (Holdings).

Mr Ron Klug joins the board of Tarmac Properties, in addition to his assistant managing directorship of the Tarmac Group's housing division. Mr Doug Gardner, assistant managing director of Tarmac Properties, will become a director of McLean Investments and John McLean and Associates. Mr Tony Collins joins the board of John McLean and Associates.

Mr J. R. H. Cooper, a managing director of Singer & Friedlander, has become deputy chairman of the executive committee of the British Bankers' Association. Mr Cooper succeeds Mr P. E. Leslie, general manager, Barclays Bank International on January 1.

Mr K. F. Dibben is now chairman of the Bowcom Electronics boards of directors in succession to Mr P. G. S. Dibben, who remains a director.

Mr Keith Hainsworth has become managing director of Miller Buckley Developments.

Mr Peter Redfern is to be group marketing director—a newly created position—of Quinton Hazell and as such will be a member of the QHL executive committee.

Mr Eric Gaunt has been made marketing director of the NCB London and Southern sales region.

Mr F. W. Lacey has resigned from the board of Alfred Dunhill.

Mr Brian Harrison, a National Coal Board finance member, has become chairman of NCB (Coal Products). He succeeds Mr Leslie Grainger who has been chairman of Coal Products since July, 1976, and continued in this capacity after retiring as NCB science member at the end of May, 1977.

Mr Christopher Bland has been made a director of National Provident Institution.

Mr Peter J. Scott has become British Timken.

secretary—chief accountant—of British Timken. He succeeds Mr Ron E. Farren, who has retired after 18 years service.

Mr D. B. Kerby, has become managing director of Pitney Bowes Marking Systems.

Mr P. K. Thomas is now financial controller and secretary of Hopkinsons Holdings.

Mr R. F. Monk has joined the board of Geers Gross as a non-executive director.

Mr Malcolm Lowe, is joining the Benn Group in a part time capacity on July 1 as a director of Benn Publications.

Now Racal sets up French offshoot

The day after Racal Electronics announced a United States deal it says that it has bought the business and assets of Dana Electronics France. The new operating company is to trade under the name of Racal-Dana Instruments, and it will be the first French based company within Racal.

The acquisition of Dana Electronics is a further stage of an expansion programme announced in October. Racal agreed to buy Dana Laboratories of California for $3.5m.

Asbestos fibre downturn is too much for Cape

A drop in demand for asbestos fibre in the mining division of Cape Industries sent 1977 pre-tax profits slithering from last years peak of £14.2m to £11.9m.

By contrast, the turnover of Cape, 66 per cent owned by Charter Consolidated, rose by 17 per cent to £155m, narrowing margins by 3 per cent to 7.6 per cent.

The building and automotive divisions achieved further substantial increases in sales and profits despite generally difficult conditions in the United Kingdom. The profits of both divisions this time are ahead for the fifth year running.

Briefly

WATTS, BLAKE, BEARNE
Sales for 1977, £17.57m £14.88m). Pre-tax profits, £2.66m (£2.52m). As forecast at the time of last year's rights issue, total gross dividend doubles from 3.2p to 6.36p. One-for-two scrip issue proposed.

LETRASET INT
Board, responding to weekend comment, states that they have received no approach that may lead to an offer.

J. LYONS
Turnover showed a 6 per cent increase but results in third quarter were below original expectations. Half yearly figures published December 9.

KUWAIT INT INV
Kuwait International Investment has placed 5.5m Kuwaiti dinars in promissory notes for major Kuwaiti trading company Youssef Ahmed Al-Ghanim.

L AND L TRUST
London and Liverpool Trust's listing restored. Cash offer of 21p a share will be sent to shareholders as soon as possible. Shareholders advised to take no action.

BUILDING SOC MERGER
Wolverhampton and Mercia and Midshires to merge as Midshires Building Society. Assets will be over £220m and it will have over 50 branches.

CANNING-HALMA
W. Canning's holding of 1.31 million ordinary shares (27.2 per ecnt) of Halma Ltd has been placed through the market by Smith Keen Cutler with a number of institutional clients.

PRESSAC HOLDINGS
Pressac plans to increase its capital to £1m of which £40,000 will be in 10½ per cent (net) cumulative preference shares of £1 each and make a scrip issue of one preference for every 10 ordinary shares.

S. & W. BERISFORD
S. and W. Berisford has bought Jarmain and Son Management and the minority interest in its subsidary, Jarmain and Son, commission wool scourers and carbonizers. Price: about £1.2m in cash and shares.

Wesleyan & General Assurance Society

Extracts from the speech of the Chairman, Mr. J.D.W. Field, in moving the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1977.

Encouraging growth
Further increases in policyholders' bonuses
Expenses contained

The Society has shown some real progress during the year under review, and the rate of progress shown over recent years has continued.

Long Term Business
Premium income in the Industrial Life Department increased by 9.38% to £9,457,000. In spite of the increased rate of growth in this Department, the proportion of the premium income used to meet expenses has been slightly reduced for the second year in succession—no mean achievement during a period of high rate of inflation.

In the Ordinary Life Department new business production rose sharply in the last quarter of the year and, whilst premium income rose by a modest 6.31% to £5,220,000, there was an increase of 10% in standing business by the end of the year. This upsurge in new business production has continued into 1978 and gives promise of good results for the current year.

Short Term Business
Despite an underwriting loss of £164,000 in the Motor Department, the General Departments, as a whole, showed a profit of £639,000, after crediting investment income of nearly £548,000. This result was helped by an improvement in the underwriting fortunes of the Property Department, where the 1976 underwriting loss of £182,000 was transformed into a profit of £145,000. This owed much to a lower incidence of storm damage and subsidence claims in 1977, and to the increase in premium income arising from the automatic 25% increase applied from June, 1977, to sums assured under Household policies. This automatic increase seems to have been well received by staff and policyholders, who have secured the greater protection they undoubtedly needed.

Investments
A substantial proportion of the new money available for long term investment was again directed into long-dated Government stocks to secure returns in excess of 12%. Our responsibilities to provide capital for industry, to which I made reference in my report last year, have not, however, been overlooked. We invested over £1m by subscribing for new shares in fifty-two of our existing holdings where the Companies raised additional capital by rights issues. Additionally, we added several medium-sized industrial units to our property portfolio on what have already proved to be attractive yields.

One of the principal objects of an investment policy is to secure safe, guaranteed income for the future. The growth achieved in our investment income over the past few years, in spite of restrictions on dividend increases for ordinary shares, augurs well for the prosperity of the Society and its policyholders.

The book value of the Society's assets for Long Term business increased by £12m to nearly £128m and that for Short Term business by £400,000 to nearly £4m.

Reversionary Bonuses
I am pleased to report that we have been able to increase our reversionary bonuses in the Ordinary Department to £43.00 per £1,000 of basic sum assured (1976 £41.00 per £1,000) for all with profit policies except Equity policies, where the rate has been increased to £56.00 per £1,000 of basic sum assured (1976 £53.00 per £1,000). For with profit annuities the rate remains at £50.00 per £1,000 of basic annuity.

Terminal Bonuses
The rate of terminal bonus in the Ordinary Department, which was increased in 1976, remains unaltered at 2% of the reversionary bonus attaching to the policy for each year or part thereof the policy was in force prior to the 1st January, 1978. Policyholders will appreciate that although the rate of terminal bonus remains the same as in 1976, it operates on the higher rate of reversionary bonus for 1977 and consequently increases the amount of terminal bonus.

In the Industrial Department, the rate of terminal bonus has been increased for all policies with durations in excess of 10 years, rising from 20% for policies of 10 years duration (the same as in 1976) to 60% for policies of 30 years or more duration (1976 40%).

Life Assurance Premium Relief
The method by which a life assurance policyholder has hitherto received the relief from income tax to which he is entitled on paying his premiums is to be altered with effect from April, 1979. From that date, the policyholder will receive the benefit in the form of reduced premiums or increased benefits.

This alteration will involve the Society, in common with all other life assurance companies, in a great deal of work in resolving the problems involved.

New Developments
During the year, we issued to our sales staff updated and improved books of tables of premium rates and benefits, and introduced new Self Employed Pensio policy.

We have continued o policy of streamlining age cies, and one District Offi was closed, after careful i vestigation had satisfied that it should be possible give satisfactory service our policyholders fro adjoining District Offices. We shall continue wi these and other measure with the twofold object improving our service our policyholders and containing the ever increa ing costs of running o business under inflationa conditions. Our efforts the latter direction have n been helped by the acti of the Government in i posing on employers employment tax on eve employee on the pay rol It is not, of course, calle an employment tax: it described as a National I surance Surcharge and levied under the terms the National Insurance Sc charge Act 1976.

Prospects for the Future
During the year 1977 succeeded in increasing total premium income at slightly higher rate than t rate of increase in our penses. The results obtain so far in 1978 give me con dence that, subject to t rate of inflation being k within reasonable limits, shall be able to build the modest succes achieved over the past t years.

Tribute to Staff
Results such as those I h just reviewed would be i possible without hard a dedicated work on the p of our staff, both at Prin pal Office and in the Fie To all staff my colleag on the Board join me extending our thanks their loyalty and hard w over the past twelve mon and, with their continu support and co-operati we look forward to furti progress in 1978 a beyond.

The British Bank of the Middle East

A Member of The Hongkong Bank Group

"There is continuing growth to report"

Highlights from a statement by the Chairman, Angus Macqueen, CMG.

The Year's Results and Capital Changes
The Bank's published profits of £6.5m are satisfactorily higher than 1976.
The Directors recommend transferring £1m to published reserves, and a further £4m from inner reserves to published reserves, bringing them to £25m.
A proposal will be made at our Annual General Meeting to capitalise a sum of £2.5m from the reserves making Capital and Reserves £22.5m respectively.
Costs in the Middle East remained very high. Nevertheless our branches were able to absorb these costs, and, with certain exceptions, to increase profits.

The Balance Sheet
There is continuing growth to report. Current, deposit and other accounts rose by about £127m (over 8%). Cash and short term funds have risen by some 18% and represent about 30% of our liabilities. A further 11% is represented by time deposits with other banks. Trade bills and advances to customers have risen by 11% and 15% respectively. Advances now represent 50% of our deposit base. Guarantees, acceptances and documentary credits have been reduced by 16%.

The Middle Eastern Scene
In Lebanon much has been done to improve conditions in and around Beirut but confidence is slow to return for it is clear that fundamental problems have not been solved.
In the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf, where the Bank's main business originates, 1977 was a relatively uneventful year.
The growing power of Saudi Arabia and its responsible use by King Khalid and his Government have helped counterbalance discord among Arab states and the political situation in the Eastern Mediterranean.
The "North/South dialogue" remained as becalmed in 1977 as it was in 1976 and, partly as a result of the slow economic revival of the industrial nations, increases in crude oil prices were kept to a minimum. However it would be rash to assume that such relaxed conditions will last through 1978.
The startling growth of imports into the Middle East has now definitely slackened, raising the question as to the value of some of the extensive port developments now in progress. But perhaps the main problem in 1977 was inflation which is serious in the oil producing countries and only a little less so among their poorer relations.

Regional Banking Activities
Despite somewhat unfavourable conditions our Tunisian associate, Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie has continued to develop and has increased its deposit base substantially.
Provisions made in 1976 to cover potential losses in Lebanon were more than adequate, and reconstruction of our office in Bab Edriss is well in hand.
In Saudi Arabia we have completed all formalities to incorporate our branches into a banking organisation established in the Kingdom, as determined by the authorities and a new bank, The Saudi British Bank, will come into being. Operations at our existing branches continue at a high level.

The Staff
The contribution made by the staff in the U.K. and abroad to the successes of the year cannot be underestimated.

The Chairman's Statement is contained in a Report and Accounts booklet obtainable from the Secretary at Head Office.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of O'GRADY BROTHERS (CONTRACTORS) Limited (In Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Thursday, the 13th day of April, 1978 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 16th day of March, 1978.
O. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1976 AUTOCORE (SCOTLAND) Limited.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 5/6 Bentinck Street, London, W1A 3BA, on Wednesday the 12th day of April, 1978 at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 28th day of March, 1978.
By Order of the Board,
G. ZELL, Director.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ASTRO VALIENTE COMPANIA NAVIERA S.A. Nature of Business: Shipowners etc.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TAL LEISURE Limited. Nature of Business: Agents for publicity and promotions.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81, High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SAGA FILM DISTRIBUTORS Limited. Nature of Business: Distributors of motion pictures and films.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

No. 004088 of 1977
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Comp A In the Matter of OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 6th March, 1978 CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £1,450,000 to £1,418,129 and the Minute approved by the Court showing that upon registration thereof the capital of the Company was £1,150,000 by virtue of a Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by the same Order and showing the other particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 13th March 1978.
Dated this 30th day of March, 1978.
LOVELL, WHITE & KING, 21 Holborn Viaduct London EC1A 2DY. Solicitors for the above-named Company.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CATAPAN (BUILDERS) Limited Nature of Business: Builders and contractors
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of OSBALDESTON TAXI-CABS Limited Nature of Business: Taxicab and Garage Proprietors
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 14th April 1978, at Room G30 Atlantic house Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SHOP SALES SERVICE Limited Nature of Business: General merchants
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th February 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 2.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LATSTAR Limited. Nature of Business: Cabinet makers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and In the Matter of LEWSTON INTERNATIONAL Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81-87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Wednesday, the 26th day of April 1978, at 3.30 p.m. to be followed at 3.45 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 21st day of March, 1978.
K. E. CORK
M. A. JORDAN
Joint Liquidators.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DECKMAIN Limited FORMERLY HELP 24 HOUR PLUMBING SERVICE Limited Nature of Business: Emergency Plumbing Service.
WINDING-UP Order 6th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same date at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HAMMETT & GRANDSON Limited Nature of Business: Retail Butchers.
WINDING-UP ORDER made 20th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th April 1978, at Room G30 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MANLEY ENGINEERING Limited Nature of Business: Electrical and General Engineers.
WINDING-UP ORDER made 20th February.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS: 11th April 1978, at Room G30 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same date at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948 In the Matter of BESTYLE MODELS Limited Nature of Business: Dressmakers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th February 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and In the Matter of BULWAY-BUCC (In Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given to Section 299 of the Act, 1948, that a GENER ING of the MEMBERS of named Company will be h Offices of H. Cork Co., Chartered Accou Guildhall House, 81-87, Street, London, EC2V Tuesday, the 2nd day of A at 11.45 a.m. to be fo 12 noon by a GENERAL of the CREDITORS for p of receiving an account of dator's Acts and Dealings conduct of the Winding-U
Dated this 16th day 1978.
N. B. CO Li

In the HIGH COURT of J BANKRUPTCY No. 556 o Re MAXWELL DRESS MANUFACTURE Gunnersbury Square, Hyde don, W.3. (Under Recei dated 28th February, 197 FIRST MEETING OF C 18th April, 1978, at 11. in the forenoon at Roo Floor, at Thomas More Royal Courts of Justic London WC2A 2LY.
PUBLIC EXAMINAT 11th, 1978 at Court Building, Royal Courts Strand, London WC2A 2L JAMES T Official R
N.B.—All debts due to me.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1 Matter of D. N. S Limited, T/A THE SAVO Nature of Business: Resta prietor.
WINDING-Up ORDE 20th February 1978.
DATE and PLACE MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th Apri Room 359, Templar Hous Holborn, London WC1V 6 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on o'clock, and day and at the same pla L. R. BATES, Offici and Provisional L

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1 Matter of P. & M. (CONSTRUCTION) Limi of Business: Engineers ar manufacturers.
WINDING-UP ORDE 15th February 1978
DATE and PLACE MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 13th Apr Room G20, Atlantic Hous Viaduct, London EC1N 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on day at the same place o'clock.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, Matter of S. HEYWAR (BUILDING & PAINTI TRACTORS) Limited. Business: Building Cont Decorators. WINDING-U MADE 23rd January 197 DATE and PLACE MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th Apr Room G20, Atlantic Hou Viaduct, London EC1N 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on day and at the same pla o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Offic and Provisional L

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER was barely steady. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £693-93.50 a metric ton; three months, £705-706. Sales, 7,400 tons. Cash cathodes, £680-681; three months, £693.50-95.50. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £690.50-90.00; three months, £704-04.50. Settlement, £690. Sales, 7,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £684.50-85.00; three months, £695-96. Settlement, £685. Sales, 100 tons.

SILVER lost about 4p in the ring. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 286.65p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 534.4); three months, 291.55p (544.7c); six months, 296p (555.6c); one year, 311.55p (579.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 285.5-85.5p; three months, 290.3-90.4p. Sales, 37 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 286.7-86.9p; three months, 291.6-91.7p. Settlement, 286.8p. Sales, 17 lots.

TIN was barely steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £5,685-95 a metric ton; three months, £5,715-20. Sales, 155 tons. High grade, cash, £5,685-95; three months, £5,730-40. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £5,720-25; three months, £5,725-30. Settlement, £5,725. Sales, 310 tons. High grade, cash, £5,720-25; three months, £5,750-60. Settlement, £5,725. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,499 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £307-308 per metric ton; three months, £312-315. Sales, 2,050 tons. Morning.—Cash, £308.50-09.00; three months, £313.50-14.00. Settlement, £309. Sales, 4,150 tons.

ZINC: Cash gained £9.50 and three months put on £10.—Afternoon.—Cash, £301.50-02.50 a metric ton; three months, £307-07.50. Sales, 3,850 tons. Morning.—Cash, £301-01.50; three months, £305.00-05.50. Settlement: £301.50. Sales, 3,600 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £119.05 ($222) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain (pence per kilo).—May, 46.90-47.50; June, 47.30-47.00; July-Sept, 49.25-49.50; Oct-Dec, 50.85-50.90; Jan-March, 52.35-52.50; April-June, 53.90-54.00; July-Sept, 55.45-55.50; Oct-Dec, 56.80-56.85; Jan-March, 58.10-58.20. Sales: 52 lots at 5 tonnes; 361 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steadier.—Spot, 46.75-48.25. Cifs, May, 49-49.50; June, 49.25-49.75.

COFFEE: Robustas were easy; arabicas were quiet. ROBUSTAS (£ per metric tonne): May, 1,405-10; July, 1,311-15; Sept, 1,260-64; Nov, 1,240-45; Jan, 1,225-30; March, 1,205-15; May, 1,190-1,240. Sales, 2,035 lots including 8 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 159.50-60.75; Oct, 136.50-49.50; June, 173-74.50; Aug, 202.50-03.00; Dec, 135.50-39.00; Feb, 132-6; April, 125.30. Sales, 48 lots.

COCOA was easy.—May, £1,950-51 per metric ton; July, £1,890-92; Sept, £1,845-50; Dec, £1,785-88; March, £1,735-37.50; May, £1,691-1,705; July, £1,640-85. Sales, 4,664 lots including 13 options. ICCO prices: daily, 160.79c; 15-day average, 158.78c; 22-day average, 164.51c (US cents per lb).

PALM OIL was dull.—April, £520-30 per metric ton; May, June, July, Aug, £500-30; Sept, £290-330; Oct, £280-330; Nov, £280-315; Dec, £280-318.

SUGAR futures were easier. The London daily price of "raws" was £2 lower at £100; the "whites" price was unchanged at £106.—May, £101-101.15 per metric ton; Aug, £106.43-06.50; Oct, £109.60-09.75; Dec, £112.75-12.90; March, £119-19.25; May, £122.35-22.80; Aug, £125-26. Sales: 3,058 lots. ISA prices: 7.75c; 15-day average 7.56c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—April, £119.80-21.00 per metric ton; June, £120.50-21.00; Aug, £120.80-22.00; Oct, £117.50-19.00; Dec, £114-15; Feb, £114.80-16.50; April, £115-18. Sales, 127 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—May, 222-25; July, 229-32; Oct, 231-35; Dec, 236-37; March, 238-39; May, 238-42; July, 238-43; Oct, 238-47. Sales: nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat $485 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat $465. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs595 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs596.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: April-May, £93 Tilbury. United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: April, £83.75; May, £83; June, £82.75 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: April, £104.75; May, £105 trans-shipment east coast. Kenya grade 3: June-July, $122.50 fob quoted. South African yellow: May, £76.50.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was fully steady: May, £79.70; Sept, £74.50; Nov, £82; Jan, £84.50; March, £86.95. Sales: 259 lots.

WHEAT: old crop slightly easier; new crop steady: May, £91.15; Sept, £83.25; Nov, £87.80; Jan, £90.25; March, £92.85. Sales, 234 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Humberside	—	£87.40	£76.90
Gloucs	—	£85.10	£77.40

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 4.—GB: Cattle, 67.28p per kg lw (+0.41). UK: Sheep, 141.5p per kg est dcw (+1.7). GB: Pigs, 61.5p per kg lw (+0.1). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 4.1 per cent, average price 66.87p (+0.06). Sheep numbers down 16.7 per cent, average price 143.3p (+1.8). Pig numbers down 9.3 per cent, average price 61.1p (+7.2). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 1.4 per cent, average price 68.25p (+1.26). Sheep numbers down 22.2 per cent, average price 137.5p (+1.0). Pig numbers up 10.3 per cent, average price 65.7p (no change).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange). In home-produced the market is steady at the lower price levels. Store interest is evident in the larger sizes. In imported no arrivals have been reported.

Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120 based on trading packer-first-hand):

White	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
1's	4.10 to 4.70	4.10 to 4.70
2's	4.00 to 4.60	4.00 to 4.60
3's	3.60 to 4.00	3.50 to 4.00
4's	3.40 to 3.90	3.40 to 3.90
5's	2.50 to 3.10	2.50 to 3.10
6's	2.10 to 2.30	2.10 to 2.30
7's	1.70 to 2.00	1.70 to 2.00
Brown		
1's	4.80 to 5.30	4.80 to 5.40
2's	4.60 to 4.90	4.60 to 5.00
3's	3.75 to 4.20	3.75 to 4.30
4's	3.60 to 4.00	3.70 to 4.00

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

TEA.—Demand was fair but selective for the 32,604 packages offered at the weekly auction. North Indians dropped by between 2p and 5p with some withdrawals, particularly high-priced sorts. Africans shed between 3p and 5p but mediums were often neglected. There was a stronger and more general demand for Sri Lankan teas. Prices generally exceeded brokers' valuations. Few south Indians were offered.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Automated Sec 6¾ Cnv Pf (£1)	145
Kensington Chel 11¾% 85-7 (£100)	£100¼
Do Variable 1982 (£100)	£100⅞
Mid Sussex Wtr 7% 1983 (*)	£102
Pearson S. 10½% Pfr Cnv 1985-88	£101
Saga Holidays 20p Ord (185)	120
Tameside 10¾% 1984-85 (£98¼a)	£50¼
Do Variable 1983 (£99¼)	£108
York Wtr 11% 1986 (£98a)	£35

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun.	
Com Bnk Aust (SA1 75c)	Mar 16	130

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £20 paid. f Fully paid. g SA1 paid. h £35 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

Wall Street

New York, April 3.—The New York stock market fell sharply today in reaction to the threat of possible credit tightening by the Federal Reserve.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.32 points to 751.04.

Some 1,070 issues declined with about 390 higher. Volume totalled 20,230,000 shares up from 20,130,000 shares on Friday.

Speculation spread in Wall Street that the Fed would soon tighten money policy in its drive against inflation and also to support the dollar.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Monday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

	Apr 3	Mar 31
Allied Chem	36¼	37
Allied Stores	20	20¼
Allied Supermkt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	34	34¼
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	39
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	28
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	61	[illegible]
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	27	27
Asarco	[illegible]	19
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlantic Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of America	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	34
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	37	37
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	15	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	[illegible]	14
Charter NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem Bank NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Service	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	48	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	28
Combustion Eng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comwlth Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	24
Continental Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Continental Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intnl	45	45
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind	[illegible]	39
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	39	40
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	38
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	101	101½
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso Nat Gas	[illegible]	15
Equitable Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	27	27
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Fst Nat Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	46	[illegible]
Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	27
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Tel Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Tire	21	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Getty Oil	158	159
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc	[illegible]	27
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt Atltc & Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Corp	16	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf & West	[illegible]	13
Heinz H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
IC Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Harvester	[illegible]	[illegible]
INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Paper	[illegible]	38
Int Tel Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johns-Manville	29	[illegible]
Johnson & John	[illegible]	68
Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennecott	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	45
Kimberly Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kraftco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liggat Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.T.V. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	14
Manuf Hanover	32	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Marietta	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	47
Morgan J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	39
NCR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Industries	16	[illegible]
Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Distillers	22	[illegible]
Nat Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk West	[illegible]	[illegible]
NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norton Simon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Gas Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	28	[illegible]
Pet Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Procter Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pullman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapid American	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Apr 3	Mar 31
Raytheon	35	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	25
Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	18	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	39	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Rly	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Califnia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Indiana	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Ohio	59	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	14
Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stude Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunbeam Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	20
Textron	26	26
TWA	18	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
UAL Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever NV	[illegible]	55
Union Bancorp	[illegible]	14
Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil Calif	47	[illegible]
Un Pacific Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uniroyal	[illegible]	7
United Brands	[illegible]	7
US Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westnghse Elec	17	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	26	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker/Sid Can	6.00	6.00
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	17
Hudson Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	31	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Talcorp	5	5
Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	33
WCT	32	33

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8645; three months, 1.8637. Canadian dollar, 87.95.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 751.04; transportation, 205.40; utilities, 104.74; 65 stocks, 264.67. New York Stock Exchange index, 49.44; industrial, 53.65; transportation, 39.25; utilities, 39.25; financial, 51.98.

Silver futures collapse

New York, April 3.—COMEX SILVER futures collapsed more than 17.00 cents to close at the lows on general liquidation triggered by the news that Switzerland plans to end its gold backing for banknotes. Prior to the late pressure which came in irregular waves of selling, the market held losses of 7.00 cents on thin buying interest.—April, 529.90c; May, 533.20c; June, 537.10c; July, 541.00c; Sept, 549.00c; Dec, 561.30c; Jan, 565.40c; March, 573.80c; May, 582.30c; July, 590.80c; Sept, 599.40c; Dec, 612.10c; Jan, 616.30c.—Handy and Harman, 539.60c (previous 541.00c). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$6.142 (previous Can$6.151).

GOLD.—Futures were: NY COMEX.—April, $177.80; May, $178.80; June, $179.80; Aug, $182.30; Oct, $184.80; Dec, $187.30; Feb, $189.90; April, $192.50; June, $195.70; Aug, $198.60; Oct, $201.60; Dec, $204.50; Feb, $207.50. CHICAGO IMM.—June, $180.00-180.60; Sept, $183.20-184.00; Dec, $186.80-187.40; March, $190.40-101.60 asked; June, $196.50; Sept, $201.40; Dec, $205.50.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady down between 30 and 40 points. April, 59.70c; May, 60.20c; June, 60.80c; July, 61.30c; Sept, 62.30c; Dec, 63.80c; Jan, 64.30c; March, 65.30c; May, 66.30c; July, 67.30c; Sept, 68.30c; Dec, 69.80c; Jan, 70.30c.

SUGAR.—Futures in No 11 contract 9.00-01c; March, 8.27c; May, 9.55 were: May, 7.81-82c; July, 8.11-12c; Sept, 8.35-36c; Oct, 8.47-50c; Jan, 54c; July, 9.74-76c; Sept, 9.92-96c.

COTTON.—Futures were: May, 55.60-68c; July, 56.70-80c; Oct, 58.55-65c; Dec, 59.51-55c; March, 61.01-05c; May, 61.90c; July, 62.70c.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract were: May, 162.30-55c; July, 145.96c asked; Sept, 133.70c; Dec, 120.50c; March, 116.50-7.00c; May, 114.50c nominal; July, 114.00-5.00c; Sept, 110.00-7.00c.

COCOA.—Futures were: May, 162.50c; July, 156.35c; Sept, 152.90c; Dec, 147.15c; March, 142.90c; May, 140.35c; July, 138.00c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Futures were: SOYABEANS. May, 669½-¼c asked; July, 665c asked; Aug, 657c asked; Sept, 622½-32c; Nov, 610½-09c; Jan, 614c; March, 621c; May, 626c. SOYABEAN OIL. May, 25.15-15 asked; July, 24.60c asked; Aug, 23.90c asked; Sept, 22.90c asked; Oct, 21.75-80c; Dec, 21.50-55c; Jan, 21.35-40c; March, 21.30-30c; May, 21.20-30c. SOYABEAN MEAL. May, $171.50-2.00; July, $174.30-4.50; Aug, $175.00-5.50; Sept, $171.30; Oct, $167.50; Dec, $168.00-8.50; Jan, $170.00-0.50; March, $173.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—May, 310¼-12c; July, 313¼-12½c; Sept, 316c; Dec, 326c; March, 332½-32c. CORN.—May, 254¾-¼c; May, 335½c. July, 254¼-54c; Sept, 251½c; Dec, 255-55¼c; March, 262½-½c; May, 267c. OATS.—May, 140½-½c; July, 146½c; Sept, 150½c; Dec, 155½c.

[illegible] bond prices (day indicators)

[illegible]

Sources: Peabody Securities

Metal stocks

London Metal Exchange warehouses at the week (all in tonnes) were: Copper un-…175,225; tin up 255 to …up 275 to 63,275; …to 60,350; silver down …180,000 troy ounces.

…k Base Rates

…k	6½%
…Bank	6½%
…Bank	6½%
…ted Crdts	6½%
…ndon Secs	6½%
… & Co	*6½%
…nk	6½%
…Mercantile	6½%
…Bank	6½%
…minster	6½%
…ter Acc's	6½%
…	6½%
…and Glyn's	6½%

…eposits on sums of … and under …, 3¼%, up … 000, 3¼%, over … 4¼%.

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…value per £1 of Capital … 111.76p.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
Airsprung Ord	48	−1	4.2	8.8	8.9
Airsprung 18½% CULS	155	—	18.5	11.8	—
Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	3.3	9.4	14.9
Bardon Hill	153	—	12.0	7.8	10.5
Deborah Ord	113	—	5.1	4.5	9.1
Deborah 17½% CULS	220	—	17.5	7.9	—
Frederick Parker	133	—	12.4	9.0	5.2
George Blair	148	—	15.0	10.1	5.9
Jackson Group	47	+1	5.0	10.6	5.5
James Burrough	103	—	6.0	5.8	9.4
Robert Jenkins	315	—	26.7	8.4	5.3
Twinlock Ord	17	—	—	—	—
Twinlock 12% ULS	80	—	12.0	15.0	—
Unilock Holdings	77	−2	7.0	9.1	9.6
Walter Alexander	100	—	6.4	6.4	7.4

Scottish Metropolitan …perty Company Limited

Interim Statement

	Half year to 15.2.78 (unaudited)	Half year to 15.2.77 (unaudited)
Share Capital	£5,967,348	£5,424,862
…evenue from …erties	1,384,247	1,247,519
…ncome	108,851	227,496
… Profit before …tion	539,257	507,516
…le for Dividend	379,035	347,485
…nd—Interim	268,531	244,118
…to Reserves	110,504	103,367

Directors have declared an interim dividend …p per share (1977 – 0.82p per share …ent) on an Issued Share Capital of …,348 (1977 – £5,424,862) and are confident …e profits for the year ending 15th August …will exceed those of the previous year.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling staged a late rally yesterday with the help of some late trans-Atlantic buying to close with a 15 point gain at $1.8695 compared with $1.8680 overnight. The trade weighted exchange index also move dahead at the final calculation of 62.0 against 61.8 at Monday's close.

The dollar also had a good day with the market view that the recent fall that followed last weeks depressing United States trade deficit decline has been overdone. The dollar made useful progress at the expense of the Deutschmark at 2.0200 (2.0080), Swiss franc 1.8690 (1.8500) and Dutch guilder 2.1605 (2.1485). Against the yen the dollar made limited headway at 218.75 compared with 218.60.

Gold lost $2.75 an ounce to close in Londo nat $179.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 4	Market rates (close) April 4
New York	$1.8615-8725	$1.8690-8700
Montreal	$2.1130-1225	$2.1205-1215
Amsterdam	4.00-05fl	4.03¾-04¼fl
Brussels	58.30-89.20f	59.05-15f
Copenhagen	10.32-42k	10.41-42k
Frankfurt	3.74-79m	3.77½-78½m
Lisbon	76.00-77.40e	76.80-77.30e
Madrid	148.85-149.50p	149.40-50p
Milan	1589-91lr	1590-91lr
Oslo	9.88-99k	9.96-98k
Paris	8.49-58f	8.54-55f
Stockholm	8.50-57k	8.56-57k
Tokyo	408-15y	408½-10½y
Vienna	26.90-27.35sch	27.15-20sch
Zurich	3.48-50f	3.49-50f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21 was up 0.2 at 62.0.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	0.5c prem-.05c disc	.15-.05c prem
Montreal	.10-.20c disc	.25-.35c disc
Amsterdam	1c prem-par	3½-2½c prem
Brussels	15-05c prem	30-15c prem
Copenhagen	6¼-8¼ore disc	17-19ore disc
Frankfurt	1¾-¾pf prem	4½-3½pf prem
Lisbon	60-170c disc	320-580c disc
Madrid	10-60c disc	120-280c disc
Milan	7-14lr disc	22-31lr disc
Oslo	7½-9½ore disc	18½-19½ore disc
Paris	¼-1½c disc	7¼-8¼c disc
Stockholm	1¼-3¼ore disc	5-7ore disc
Vienna	par-10gro disc	par-10gro disc
Zurich	3¼-1¾c prem	6¼-5¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 88.8810-15.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-7; seven days, 6¾-7¼; one month, 7-7⅛; three months, 7¼-7½; six months, 7¾-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $179.80 (an ounce); pm, $180.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $186½-188½ (£99½-99¾); resident, $186-188 (£99½-100½). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $56½-58½ (£29½-30¼); resident, $55¼-57¼ (£29½-30½).

Discount market

Very comfortable conditions prevailed on Lombard Street yesterday with credit in sizable surplus.

The Bank of England sold a small quantity of Treasury bills to the houses, but still did not fully mop up the surplus liquidity. So, for the third day running, rates fell sharply towards the close, with final balances taken at 2 or 2½ per cent.

Rates had started up at 5¾ per cent, but houses were seeing money down at 4½ per cent or so before lunchtime.

The market had a fairly large Treasury bill take-up to finance, and there was a slighte rise in the note circulation. But banks' balances were quite a long way up overnight and there was a substantial excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½% (Last changed 6/1/78)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%

Discount Mkt Loans%

Overnight: High 5¾ Low 2

Week Fixed: 5½-5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5⅞
3 months	6	3 months	5⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6	3 months	7
3 months	6⅛-6	4 months	7¼
4 months	6¼-6⅛	6 months	7½
6 months	7¼-7⅛		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6½-6¼	7 months	6¾-6½
2 months	6½-6¼	8 months	6¾-6½
3 months	6½-6¼	9 months	7-6¾
4 months	6½-6¼	10 months	7¼-7
5 months	6½-6¼	11 months	7¼-7
6 months	6¾-6½	12 months	7½-7¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	6⅛-6	6 months	7¼-7⅛
3 months	6⅝-6½	12 months	7⅞-7¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	5	3 months	6½
7 days	6½	6 months	7½
1 month	6½	1 year	8½

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6-6½ Close 2

1 week	6-5¾	6 months	7⅛-7
1 month	6⅛-6	9 months	7½-7⅜
3 months	6⅝-6½	12 months	7⅞-7¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 7¼ | 6 months 8¼

Finance House Base Rate 7%

Coffee drinking drop

United Kingdom coffee consumption for calendar year 1977 was down nearly 20 per cent on 1976 figures, but tea drinking rose marginally despite higher prices, according to Ministry of Agriculture preliminary estimates.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

[illegible]

Offshore and International Funds

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• Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Apr 19. (9) Apr 18. (10) Apr 28. (14) May 1. (15) Apr 19. (16) Apr 21. (18) Apr 11. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

Stock Exchange Prices

Long gilts firm

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 3. Dealings End, April 14. § Contango Day, April 17. Settlement Day, April 25.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977-78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
104¼	97¾	Treas 10½% 1978	101¾	..	10.377	6.066
100¼	90⅞	Exch 5% 1976-78	99¾	..	5.021	6.305
107	95¼	Treas 11½% 1979	103¾	-¼	11.090	7.274
97¼	88¾	Treas 3% 1979	96½	..	3.121	5.816
99¾	85¼	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	96¾	..	4.387	6.484
106⅞	92⅞	Treas 10½% 1979	102⅞	-¼	10.213	8.534
97½	84¼	Elec 3½% 1976-79	95¾	..	3.671	6.560
109¾	87⅞	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	100⅝	..	8.944	8.629
105¾	95¼	Treas 9½% 1980	100⅝	..	9.441	9.178
96	83¼	Treas 3½% 1977-80	93¾	..	3.737	6.673
98¾	83¾	Fund 5½% 1978-80	96	..	5.469	7.255
112¾	96¾	Exch 13% 1980	107½	-⅛	12.093	9.697
108⅝	92¾	Treas 11½% 1981	104⅝	-⅛	11.010	9.629
94¼	77⅞	Treas 3½% 1979-81	90¼	..	3.583	7.387
104	86¾	Treas 9¾% 1981	100¾	-⅛	9.677	9.432
97¾	85⅞	Exch 8¼% 1981	96¼	-⅛	9.519	9.424
110¼	97⅞	Exch 9¾% 1981	99⅞	-⅛	9.518	9.574
92	87⅝	Exch 3% 1981	97⅛	-⅛	3.426	7.220
113⅞	98¼	Exch 12¾% 1981	108⅛	-⅛	11.792	10.017
100⅝	83¼	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	96⅝	-⅛	8.773	9.493
93⅛	77¾	Treas 3% 1982	89½	-⅛	3.508	7.380
110¾	101¼	Treas 14% 1982	112¾	-⅛	12.410	9.984
96¾	93½	Treas 8¾% 1982	98¼	-⅛	8.661	9.642
103¾	93½	Exch 9¼% 1982	97⅞	-⅛	9.457	9.854
96⅛	95⅛	Exch 8¾% 1982	95⅛	-⅛	9.132	9.870
97¼	81	Exch 3% 1983	82¾	-⅛	3.642	7.384
114¾	93¾	Treas 12% 1983	107⅞	-⅛	11.119	9.925
101¾	95¾	Treas 9½% 1983	99⅛	-⅛	9.559	10.054
95	72⅞	Fund 5½% 1982-84	86¼	..	6.429	8.741
99⅜	77¾	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	94¼	..	3.223	9.892
97½	67	Fund 6½% 1985-87	81½	..	7.932	9.518
92¼	69¾	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	86	..	9.169	10.289
73½	49⅞	Trans 3% 1978-88	64½	-⅛	4.705	9.347
75⅞	54¾	Treas 5% 1986-89	68¼	-⅛	7.297	9.567
120½	90¼	Treas 13% 1990	110½	-⅛	12.081	11.773
92½	67⅝	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	95¼	-⅛	9.970	10.832
111	90⅞	Treas 11¾% 1991	107¼	-⅛	11.865	11.897
77⅞	54	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	69	..	9.456	10.261
117	86¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	107½	-⅛	12.172	12.025
96½	89¾	Treas 10% 1992	89¾	-⅛	11.284	11.686
113	99⅞	Exch 12¼% 1992	102⅞	-⅛	12.073	12.047
122½	84½	Treas 12½% 1993	103⅞	-⅛	12.149	12.073
79¾	51½	Fund 6% 1993	65⅞	-⅛	9.229	10.660
124¾	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	115⅛	-⅛	12.422	12.201
129⅞	99	Treas 14½% 1994	117⅞	-⅛	12.530	12.333
114⅛	94¾	Exch 12½% 1994	104⅛	-⅛	12.170	12.123
94⅝	68¾	Treas 9% 1994	85½	-⅛	10.962	11.433
116¾	97⅛	Treas 12% 1995	102¾	-⅛	12.020	12.021
53¾	32½	Gas 3% 1990-95	47¼	-⅛	6.339	9.161
101⅛	85¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	89¾	-⅛	11.417	11.824
119¾	97¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	103¾	-⅛	12.201	12.122
93¾	67	Treas 9% 1992-96	81¾	-⅛	11.079	11.492
137¼	101¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	123⅛	-⅛	12.397	12.322
122½	89½	Exch 13¼% 1996	112	-⅛	12.259	12.173
50	32	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	46¼	..	6.509	9.064
121	87¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	110½	-⅛	12.263	12.145
94¾	50¾	Exch 10½% 1997	90½	-⅛	11.722	11.892
89⅝	65¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	79½	-⅛	11.126	11.519
79¾	51	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	64⅞	-⅛	10.371	11.140
135¼	102¾	Treas 15½% 1998	125⅛	-⅛	12.361	12.228
78¾	66½	Treas 9½% 1999	86	-⅛	11.319	11.560
99¾	90⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	91⅛	-⅛	11.722	11.884
41⅞	27⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	39⅝	-⅛	9.990	10.227
81¾	57¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	72¼	-⅛	11.053	11.252
59¾	40¾	Treas 5½% 2008-12	52⅛	-⅛	10.741	11.001
81	59½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	72¼	-⅛	11.009	11.155
39¾	29¾	Consols 4%	34⅜	-⅛	11.747	..
37¾	25¼	War Ln 3½%	35⅞	-⅛	10.167	..
39¾	29¼	Conv 3½%	36⅞	-⅛	9.633	..
27¼	20½	Treas 3%	25⅛	-⅛	11.964	..
31¾	17⅞	Consols 2½%	21⅞	-⅛	11.432	..
24	17⅛	Treas 2½% Aft 75	21⅞	-⅛	11.652	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
96¾	79¾	Aust 5½% 77-80	95¼	-⅛	5.562	9.425
93¼	62¾	Aust 5½% 81-82	94¾	-⅛	6.435	10.274
88¼	65¾	Aust 6% 81-83	94¼	-⅛	7.201	10.227
90	77¼	Aust 7% 79-81	91½	-⅛	7.710	10.239
91	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
73½	61¼	E Africa 5½% 77-83	75	..	7.351	12.994
250	197	German 4½% 1930	300	..	..	..
43½	22½	Hungary 4½% 1924	43½	..	..	..
99⅛	69¾	Ireland 7½% 81-83	86¾	..	..	..
94	84¾	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	99¼	..	7.946	9.565
250	225	Japan Ass 4% 1910	225	-5	..	..
77½	61	Japan 6% 83-88	77	..	..	..
86	63	Kenya 5% 78-82	77½	..	6.511	12.575
85	63	Malaya 7½% 78-82	85	..	8.926	12.419
96½	81½	N Z 6% 76-80	94¾	-⅛	6.406	9.741
71	55¾	N Z 7½% 88-92	73¼	-⅛	10.304	11.523
79	64¾	N Z 7½% 83-86	77¼	..	9.827	10.257
72	53	S Rhd 6% 78-81	76	..	6.727	10.579
67	61	Nyasa 6% 78-81	76	..	6.727	10.579
155	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
99¼	62	S Africa 9½% 79-81	92	-½	..	..
70	50	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	58	..	..	..
63	40	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	55	..	..	..
67	41	S Rhd 6% 78-81	55	..	..	..
47	45	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
81	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	79	..	7.331	12.951
34	30	Uruguay 3½%	34	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
37	24½	L C C 3% 1920	24½	..	..	..
95½	89¾	L C C 5% 80-82	82	-⅛	6.092	9.607
90	72	L C C 5½% 77-81	88	..	6.162	9.190
95¼	62	L C C 5½% 82-84	80¼	..	6.940	10.067
77	59¾	L C C 5½% 85-87	72	..	7.699	10.420
97¼	84	L C C 6% 76-79	96¼	..	6.224	8.913
88	52¾	L C C 6½% 88-90	73¼	..	9.604	11.012
73¾	53	L C C 6½% 90-92	67½	..	10.137	11.659
100½	89	G L C 9½% 80-82	97¾	-⅛	9.722	10.121
107¾	93½	G L C 12½% 1982	106	..	11.793	10.660
111½	91	G L C 12½% 1983	107½	-⅛	11.629	11.056
100	89¾	C of L 6% 75-78	99⅝	..	6.316	7.239
98⅛	70½	C of L 6½% 80-82	87½	..	7.452	10.249
92½	69¾	Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	85	..	9.159	11.171
77¾	55¾	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	74	..	21.032	12.017
73¼	52¾	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	76	..	9.845	11.649
91¾	79¾	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91¼	..	7.096	10.190
99½	84½	Brightn 6½% 76-79	97¼	-⅛	6.649	9.750
99¾	85	Camden 6½% 77-79	96½	..	6.599	8.174
91¾	72	Croydon 6½% 76-81	95½	..	7.540	10.279
99¼	83½	Edin 6½% 77-79	98½	..	6.599	9.313
107	80	Glasgow 9½% 80-82	96½	..	9.362	10.131
100	89	Gwich 6½% 76-79	99¾	..	6.759	6.950
110¾	96¾	Liverpl 13½% 1981	109¾	..	12.307	10.144
37	22¼	Met Water B 34-03	33¼	..	9.671	11.370
95½	78½	N I 6½% 79-80	95½	..	7.343	14.113
79¾	60	N I 7% 82-84	83¼	..	9.682	11.979
97¼	70¼	N I Flec 6½% 81-83	93¼	..	8.000	11.605
100⅝	88½	Notts 6½% 76-78	99⅜	..	6.766	7.463
98	84	Sthend 5½% 77-79	97¼	..	5.382	9.408
97	80¼	Swark 6½% 83-86	87½	-⅛	5.371	10.151
71¾	77¼	Surrey 6% 78-80	93¼	..	6.398	9.551

Investment Dollar Premium 101⅜% (100¼%)
Premium Conversion Factor 0.6902.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54½	40½	Bayer	£52¾	+¼	197	3.7	23.8
27¾	11¾	Commerzbank	£17¾	..	44.2	2.5	20.2
31¼	17½	Cp Fn Paris	£31¼	..	197	6.0	10.2
57	43	EBES	£57	..	281	4.9	..
27¼	14	Ericsson	£23¾	..	69.2	3.0	26.2
22	6	Finsider	9	..	..	..	..
14	4½	Granges	£9½	..	..	..	..
560	385	Hoechst	497	-5	39.7	4.0	17.1
14	8	Montecatini E	15	..	..	..	..
630	470	Robeco fl 5	565	-5	29.9	5.3	32.2
481	325	Rolinco Subs fl 5	415	..	..	..	53.9
700	30	Snia Viscosa	58	..	..	..	..
960	710	Thyssen-Huette	960	..	..	..	17.2
83	42	Volkswagen	£82½	-½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11⅞	8¼	Brascan	£10⁵⁄₁₆	-¼	53.4g	4.9	4.8
12	6⁹⁄₁₆	BP Canada	£10⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
15⅝	9¼	Can Pac Ord	£11½	-⅛	47.0	4.1	8.9
16¼	9⅞	El Paso	£11¼	-⅛	41.7	3.7	21.1
43½	27¾	Exxon Corp	£34¼	-¼	..	..	..
35	20¾	Fluor	£29½	-⅛	63.7	2.5	10.9
25½	16⅞	Hollinger	£20⁹⁄₁₆	-⅛	..	..	..
33⅜	24¾	Hud Bay Oil	£29⅝	-⅛	28.9	1.0	56.1
24¾	14⅞	Husky Oil	£20⅜	-⅛	..	..	..
28¼	9¾	INCO	£12⅜	-⅛	51.7	4.2	18.9
11⅞	6⅞	IU Int	£8⅞	-⅛	46.2	5.3	11.9
33½	18½	Kaiser Alum	£22½	..	82.1	3.6	..
19⅞	6¾	Massey-Ferg	£7¼	-⅛	58.1	8.2	12.1
17¾	11¾	Norton Simon	£14	-¼	43.7	3.1	11.2
27⅞	20	Pacific Petrol	£26¾	-⅛	..	..	..
24⅞	17¾	Pan Canadian	£24¾	-¼	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	155	-1	..	..	..
12⅝	8½	Trans Can P	£10¼	-⅛	..	..	..
42	17½	US Steel	£19½	..	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
13½	7½	Zapata Corp	£12⅞	-⅛	15.7	1.2	38.3

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	165	Alexs Discount	225	..	21.7	9.7	5.1
555	350	Allen H & Ross	450	..	46.5	10.3	6.3
172	99½	Allied Irish	167	-3	10.0b	6.0	5.8
175	108	Arb-Latham	158	..	14.3	9.1	10.5
269⅞	185¾	ANZ Grp	238	-2	14.4	6.1	4.9
22⅞	13½	Bank America	£17¼	-¼	49.0	2.8	11.9
363	202½	Bk of Ireland	338	-5	20.1b	5.9	6.4
27	14	Bk Leumi Israel	17	..	11.2	65.6	1.5
200	160	Bk Leumi UK	160	..	11.2	7.0	14.3
500	370	Bk of NSW	435	..	16.6	4.1	9.8
315	223	Bk of Scotland	275	-2	16.5	6.0	7.2
31¾	21¼	Bnks Trst NY	£27¾	..	161	5.9	10.2
350	227	Barclays Bank	335	..	16.7	5.0	5.1
220	175	Brown Shipley	210	..	14.0	6.7	7.8
335	225	Cater Ryder	285	..	26.6	9.3	..
29¼	17½	Chase Man	£22¾	-¼	114	5.1	10.7
29¾	13½	Citicorp	£15⅛	-¼	61.6	3.9	8.4
91	51½	Clive Discount	71	-1	7.2	10.2	8.0
230	170	Com Bk of Aust	203	..	9.4	4.6	9.5
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	147	..	7.6	5.2	..
21½	12¾	CC De France	£21	..	131	6.2	14.9
3½	¾	First Nat Fin	2¾	..	..	..	..
15½	7	Fraser Ans	12	..	..	..	..
210	140	Gerrard & Nat	160	..	12.4	7.7	7.0
53	37	Gibbs A.	39	..	3.0	7.6	14.6
277	181¾	Gillett Bros	205	..	23.0	11.2	5.1
126	55	Grindlays Hldgs	106	..	4.2	3.9	4.3
230	150	Guinness Peat	215	+3	16.2	7.5	10.7
25	12	Hambros £10	£16	..	144	9.0	..
237	142	Do Ord	170	..	14.4	8.5	4.9
110	74	Hill Samuel	89	+2	6.7	7.6	7.8
309½	202¾	Hong K & Shang	283	+1	6.8	2.6	26.8
98	34½	Jessel Toynbee	68	..	6.2	9.1	..
135	115	Joseph L	160	..	12.0	7.5	7.9
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	42	..	0.5	1.2	..
80	42	King & Shaxson	58	..	5.1	8.9	5.6
114	76	Kleinwort Ben	94	..	6.2	6.6	6.8
278	185	Lloyds Bank	272	..	13.8	5.1	5.4
137	92	Mercury Secs	120	-1	5.1	4.3	5.9
390	256¾	Midland	355	+2	22.4	6.3	5.3
65	39	Minster Assets	58	..	5.3b	9.1	5.6
210	168	Nat of Aust	210	..	8.7	4.2	8.4
81	38	Nat Com Bk Grp	71	..	4.0	5.6	5.2
297	205	Nat W'minster	273	..	17.4	6.4	5.6
40	20	Ottoman	139	..	250	6.4	11.0
63	45	Rea Bros	60	..	2.5	4.2	12.0
21⅞	14⁹⁄₁₆	Royal of Can	£19⅝	-⅛	69.9	3.5	19.9
400	290	Schroders	365	..	17.3	4.7	8.1
250	188½	Seccombe Mar	210	..	18.7	8.9	6.2
100	58	Smith St Aubyn	75	+2	7.3	9.8	..
430	293	Standard Chart	402	+2	27.6	6.9	5.8
380¾	213¾	Union Discount	300	..	24.0	8.0	4.9
74	37	Wintrust	64	..	4.6	7.1	23.5

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
96	58	Allied	88	..	6.0n	6.8	12.1
166	97	Bass Charrgton	156	+1	7.3	4.7	10.5
56	26	Belhaven Grp	41	..	..	..	..
234	79¾	Bell A.	226	+2	7.4	3.3	9.1
151	92	Boddingtons	152	..	5.9	3.9	13.5
112	64	Brown M.	108	..	5.9	5.5	12.6
157	98	Bulmer HP Hldgs	151	+1	4.9	3.2	8.9
160	75	Burtonwood	142	..	4.8	3.4	10.0
66	40	C of Ldn Dfd	59	..	3.6	6.2	23.2
162	100	Devenish	155	..	8.9	5.8	8.2
201½	119	Distillers	178	+1	9.9	5.5	11.3
111	50¼	Greenall	110	+2	4.0	3.6	11.1
210	152	Greene King	232	-6	10.9	4.7	13.0
196	124	Guinness	172	..	10.6	6.2	5.1
167	95	Hardys & H'sons	163	..	10.6	6.5	10.9
138	53	Highland	139	..	4.4	3.1	20.7
100	55	Invergordon	87	-1	3.2	3.7	10.5
172	42	Irish Distillers	129	-1	5.4	4.2	8.7
57	31	Marston	58	-1	2.7	4.6	8.5
71	46	Scot&Newcastle	65	-½	4.9	7.6	14.3
19¼	13¾	Seagram	£16⅝	-1¼	45.7	2.8	12.0
74	40	SA Breweries	72	..	6.3	8.8	5.0
107	42	Tomatin	101	..	4.5	4.5	12.5
105	57	Vaux	105	..	8.1	5.8	10.9
96½	58½	Whitbread 'A'	89½	..	5.6	6.3	10.0
99	60	Do B	90	..	5.6	6.2	10.2
94	53	Whitbread Inv	92	..	5.7	7.0	22.6
200	111	Wolverhampton	192	..	8.7	4.5	11.4

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	92	..	9.2	10.0	6.8
42	25	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.6	3.4
99	39½	AGB Research	98	..	5.2n	5.3	10.2
229½	134	APV Hldgs	203	-5	8.7	4.3	7.5
73	43	Aaronson Bros	61	..	3.0	4.9	5.7
116	62	Acrow	111	..	3.6	3.3	12.6
98	52	Do A	84	+2	3.6	4.3	9.6
41	11	Adda Int	33	+½	0.8	2.3	..
282	150	Adwest Group	244	..	15.2	6.2	6.7
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	59	..	3.5	5.9	10.5
63	42	Airfix Ind	50	+1	4.6	9.1	6.6
131	79	Albright & W	115	..	7.0	6.1	7.5
96	69	Alcan 10½%	£89	..	1050	11.8	..
151	71	Do 9% Cnv	£151	..	900	6.0	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	288	..	19.7	6.8	10.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	57	..	6.6	11.5	..
56½	25½	Allen W. G.	40	..	4.3	10.7	4.5
100¾	49½	Allied Colloids	82	-5	2.4	3.0	10.9
67	43	Allied Insulators	63	+2	6.3	9.9	4.8
17	7½	Allied Plant	15	..	1.1	7.1	9.0
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	46	+½	2.5	5.4	27.5
296	210	Amal Metal	299	..	21.5	7.2	5.8
138	57¾	Amal Power	115	..	8.0	7.0	6.4
41	21	Amber Day	36	..	3.0	8.4	5.2
27	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	27	..	0.8a	2.8	4.1
96	41	Anchor Chem	60	..	6.0	10.0	6.7
57½	34	Anderson Strath	49	+1	3.8	7.8	6.8
90	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	73	..	6.3	8.7	5.6
540	390	Anglo Amer Ind	510	..	42.2	8.3	5.6
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..e	..	..
96	49	Applevard	83	+2	9.5a	11.4	6.6
39½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	34	..	2.1	6.2	7.7
123	65¾	Arlington Mtr	116	..	11.7	10.1	8.8
73	39	Armitage Shanks	64	..	6.5	10.1	9.3
73	39	Arnst Equip	61½	+1½	3.2	5.2	10.5
53	44	Aspres Gr'p Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
94	55¾	Ass Biscuit	79	+2	6.4	8.1	7.5
198	85	Ass Book	190	..	6.1	3.2	8.2
76½	48	Ass Brit Food	56	+1	3.3	5.8	5.7
142	82	Ass Engineer	124	+3	7.1	6.2	5.8
73	36	Ass Fisheries	45	..	4.6	10.1	4.3
62	26½	Ass Leisure	51	+1	4.3	8.3	9.5
196	121	Ass News	144	+2	8.1	5.7	8.2
57	30	Ass Paper	48½	..	4.6	9.4	5.2
294	253	Ass Port Cement	236	+4	13.1	5.6	7.8
119	68½	Ass Tel 'A'	112	+1	9.9	8.9	7.5
28	21	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5a	13.3	9.6
42	23	Astbury & Mdley	39	..	1.7	4.2	6.1
59	27	Atkins Bros	54	..	5.6	10.3	8.4
43	27	Audiotronic	32	..	..e	..	7.9
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	31½	..	3.0	9.4	7.3
99	55	Aurora Hldgs	94	+2	8.0	8.5	4.3
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
113½	51	Automotive Pd	109½	+2½	2.8	2.6	8.8
34½	14½	Avana Grp	28½	..	1.6	5.4	7.1
174	113	Averys	144	+½	9.3	5.7	8.7
205	74	Avon Rubber	191	-2	14.1	7.4	2.8
310	235	B.A.T. Ind	302	-2	21.2	7.0	5.5
270	203	Do Dfd	262	-2	..	..	..
62	39	BBA Grp	48	+1	3.6	7.5	5.1
114	71	BET Dfd	104	+1	8.1	7.8	7.8
236	97	BICC	105	-2	10.0	9.5	12.5
82	61	BOC Int	69	+½	4.8	6.9	5.0
279	212	BPB Ind	215	-1	11.0	5.1	6.6
55	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	53	..	4.3b	8.2	6.6
42½	17½	BSG Int	41	+1	3.2	7.8	6.9
151	86	BSR Ltd	90	..	7.2	8.0	6.0
292	142½	BTR Ltd	245	..	24.0	5.6	7.4
144	70	Babcock & W	113	+2	8.0	7.0	4.9
34	21	Baggeridge Brk	32	..	3.5	11.1	9.8
9¾	3	Bailey C H, Ord	5¾	-½	0.3	5.1	48.1
165	93	Baird W.	148	..	14.1	9.5	5.6
112	65	Baker Perkins	94	+1	6.3	6.7	5.6
52	28½	Bambergers	47	+1	4.5	9.6	5.3
15	7½	Barker & Dobson	12½	..	..e	..	..
219	144	Barlow Rand	212	-4	16.5	7.8	4.3
74	39	Barr & Wallace	71	-1	5.1	7.2	6.9
72	37	Do A	69	-1	5.1	7.4	6.7
123	56¾	Barratt Devs	109	-1	12.2	11.2	5.1
54	20	Barrow Hepbn	35	..	5.6	15.9	4.7
57	40	Barton & Sons	57	..	5.0	8.7	4.9
155	80	Bassett G.	134	+1	7.9	5.8	8.3
99	29	Bath & P'land	67	..	5.0	7.5	3.8
67	34	Beales J.	54	..	4.0	7.3	4.0
393	66	Beatson Clark	355	..	17.8	4.9	4.2
51	29½	Beaufard Grp	49	..	4.6	9.4	8.3
73½	49	Beckman A.	64	..	7.4	11.6	7.1
690	372	Beecham Grp	642	+2	28.0	4.4	13.4
81	39½	Bejam Grp	81	+1	2.3	3.8	7.8
95	54	Benrose Corp	64	..	5.8	9.1	9.2
79	29½	Benn Bros	79	..	3.4	5.7	8.5
115½	74¾	Berisf'd S & W	112	+2	6.3	5.6	4.0
62	31	Berisfords	58	..	3.7	6.2	4.9
54	34	Best & May	51	..	4.3	8.4	8.9
164	122	Bestobell	141	-2	14.3	10.1	7.3
69	28	Bett Bros	67	..	2.6	3.9	7.9
229	102	Bibby J.	206	+5	9.9	4.8	4.0
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	67	..	6.6	9.8	7.2
270	148	Bishops Stores	160	+5	3.7	2.3	9.0
205	57	Do A NV	125	+3	3.7	3.0	7.0
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	102	+2	6.4	6.3	13.5
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	77	+1	4.4	5.7	6.9
30	15	Blackwood Mt	20	-1	..e	..	11.5
245	122	Blagden & N	220	+4	18.2	8.3	9.4
72	39	Blundell Perm	64½	..	4.4	6.8	6.3
13	7½	Boardman K. O.	12	..	1.5	12.3	3.2
73	37	Bodycote	64	+1	3.4	5.3	6.2
36	17	Bonser Eng	22	..	2.2	10.0	6.3
240	128	Booker McCon	223	..	10.7	4.8	6.5
212	84	B'sey & Hwkes	206	..	7.3	3.5	9.5
157	87	Boot H.	134	..	12.5	9.3	6.0
242	215	Boots	217	+4	4.3	2.0	16.6
97	66	Borthwick T.	65	..	9.4	14.2	9.1
20½	14	Boulton W.	19	..	2.1	10.9	6.1
219	160	Bowater Corp	191	+3	14.7	7.7	9.0
64	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	54½	-1½	2.3	4.3	6.7
89	62	Braby Leslie	85	..	8.0	9.5	4.8
76	61	Brady Ind	68	..	8.6	12.6	12.9
75	57	Do A	62	..	8.6	13.9	11.8
40	23¾	Braham Millar	35	..	2.3	6.5	4.8
45	27	Braid Grp	39½	..	2.1	5.4	5.7
179	67½	Braithwaite	139	-4	6.1	4.4	3.9
126	44½	Brammer H.	121	+1	6.4	5.3	9.5
53	38	Bremner	49	..	5.8	11.8	9.9
206	90	Brent Chem Int	205	+2	4.7	2.3	13.6
32½	25	Brent Walker	47	..	1.7n	3.6	21.4
36	22	Brickhouse Dud	35	..	3.3	9.5	6.9
172	94	Bridon	94	..	9.3	9.9	9.0
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34	..	3.7	10.8	6.1
45	29	Brit Car Auctn	43	..	3.0	7.0	10.6
246	137	Brit Home Strs	179	+6	8.9	5.0	15.1
28	20	Brit Leyland	23	..	..	..	..
120½	83	Brit Northrop	91	..	..	..	3.3
49½	31	Brit Printing	46½	+1½	4.8	10.4	7.5
90	50	Brit Stm Spec	76	..	7.2	9.4	8.8
122½	69½	Brit Sugar	112	+2	7.2	6.4	2.6
70¾	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	61	+1	4.6	7.5	8.3
60	29½	Brit Tar Prod	59	+4	2.1	3.5	10.4
90	44	Brit Vita	83	+1	3.2	3.9	3.0
30	13½	Brittains	24	..	2.3	9.5	3.9
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	57½	..	5.5	9.6	8.5
96	41	Brocks Grp	70	..	5.1	7.3	12.3
725	385	Broken Hill	535	-5	19.3	3.7	32.5
40	30	Bronx Eng	32	..	2.4	7.4	5.5
71	35	Brook St Bur	67	..	6.4	9.5	17.4
56	38	Brooke Bond	49	+½	4.3	8.8	4.0
27	11	Brooke Tool	25	-1	1.5	6.1	4.6
130	49	Brotherhood P.	130	+2	8.8b	6.7	4.6
100	74	Brown & Tawse	91	..	6.8	7.5	3.9
65	19	BBK	44	..	2.7	6.1	10.5
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	23	..	1.6	7.0	13.2
296	98	Brown J.	288	+5	13.2n	4.6	4.7
124	85	Bruntons	104	+1	10.6	10.2	10.2
53	17	Bryant Hldgs	50	-1	3.6	7.1	10.5
142	66	Bullough Ltd	142	..	9.3	6.6	4.8
48	28	Bulmer & Lumb	43	..	4.8	11.0	5.4
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	100	..	7.4	7.4	4.0
65	35	Burco Dean	64	..	5.6	8.8	6.4
38	22	Burgess Prod	36	..	3.5	9.8	5.6
164	64	Burnett H'shire	157	..	4.1	2.6	7.5
164	63	Do A NV	157	..	4.1	2.6	7.5
39	16	Burns And'son	39	..	2.2	5.6	5.7
17¾	9	Burrell & Co	13¾	..	1.4	10.2	7.1
186	130	Burt Boulton	155	..	15.2	8.2	5.3
142	51	Burton Grp	120	+2	2.3	1.9	..
130	39	Do A	115	-1	2.3	2.0	..
95	42	Bury & Mascn	88	+6	7.2	8.1	7.3
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	65	-1	3.4n	5.2	8.9

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31½	14¾	CH Industrials	31½	+1	3.0	9.6	5.5
30½	32½	Cadbury Sch	54½	+1	4.1	7.6	10.7
110	70	Caffyns	106	..	8.7	8.2	8.6
55	49	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
133	30	Campari	106	..	3.0	2.8	5.5
121	64	Do B	95	..	..	..	..
82	45½	Camrex Hldgs	68	..	6.0	8.8	5.7
67	36	Canning W.	59	..	5.3	9.1	8.4
136	97	Cape Ind	117	-1	11.5	9.9	3.9
81	37	Caplan Profile	81	..	7.3	9.0	5.2
90	33¾	Capper Neill	58	..	3.2	5.5	6.7
95	33	Caravans Int	84½	..	7.0	8.3	3.2
69	35	Carclo Eng	63	-1	4.5	7.2	5.8
51	29	Carless Capel	29	..	1.3	4.5	7.5
175	59	Carlton Ind	155	..	8.3	5.3	7.2
76	39	Carpets Int	42	+2	6.1	14.4	4.6
49	16½	Carr J. (Don)	44	..	1.4	3.2	6.8
41	22	Carr'tun Vly	39½	+1	3.2	8.1	5.0
110	69¾	Carroll P. J.	97	..	9.2	9.5	7.4
45	25	Casket S Hldgs	43	..	3.0	6.9	5.1
25	7	Causton Sir J.	15	..	..	..	3.7
145	88	Cawoods	127	..	5.3	4.2	9.3
36½	12	Celestion	31½	..	0.9	2.9	9.0
133	54½	Cement Rdstone	123	-2	7.5	5.8	7.4
54	25	Cen & Sheer	47½	-½	3.4	7.1	8.5
72	42	Central Man	67	..	4.0	6.0	3.5
214	68¾	Centreway Ltd	214	..	17.5	8.2	6.0
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	35	..	3.9	11.0	2.7
39½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	46	..	4.2	9.1	6.5
33	8½	Change Wares	17½	-½	..e	..	14.0
23½	17	Do Cnv Cum	18½	..	2.4	13.1	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	96	+1	7.3	7.6	7.9
85	57	Christies Int	85	+2	4.5	5.3	8.9
51	27	Christy Bros	41	..	3.5	8.5	5.6
138	93	Chubb & Sons	127	..	5.5	4.3	9.4
198	57	Church & Co	161	-2	5.1	3.2	6.6
78	45	Coalite & Chem	71	-2	4.2	5.9	5.9
79	50	Coates Bros	63	..	3.5	5.6	7.1
77	45	Do A	61	..	3.5	5.8	6.8
83	57	Coats Patons	73½	-1½	4.7	6.3	5.5
130	45	Cole R. H.	115	..	5.3	4.6	8.6
62	33	Collett D'son	59	..	4.7	7.9	6.4
186	99	Collins W.	129	..	7.0	5.4	8.0
186	99	Do A	129	..	7.0	5.4	8.0
38	14	Comben Grp	32	..	2.4b	7.6	7.9
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	82	+5	4.9	6.0	6.6
114	30	Comet Radiov'n	114	..	3.9	3.4	10.4
114	64	CompAir	96	..	5.5	5.7	7.6
30	20	Compton Webb	29	..	2.6	9.9	4.8
36	16	Cook W.	27	..	2.6	9.6	6.0
63	37	Cope Allman	57	+1	5.2	9.2	5.8
17	9	Copson F.	16	..	1.1	7.1	8.1
39	16½	Corah	31½	..	2.8	8.9	4.3
144	54½	Coral Leisure	114	+2	9.1n	5.0	6.3
83	34	Cosalt	77	+2	4.7	6.1	6.9
332	134	Costain R.	259	+5	15.3b	5.8	9.1
8	3	Countryside	39	-2	1.8	4.6	13.6
107	73	Courts (Furn)	86	..	5.0	5.8	5.9
107	73	Do A NV	86	..	5.0	5.8	8.9
135	90	Courtaulds	115	+1	10.7	9.3	5.7
72	30	Courtney Pope	62	..	3.6	5.8	8.9
78	30¾	C'wan de Groot	61	..	3.5	5.7	3.7
44½	23	Cowie T.	39½	..	2.6	6.5	3.5
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	23	f	..e	..	..
76	28	Crest Nicholson	74	..	5.0	6.8	6.7
73	44	Croda Int	54	..	3.2	6.0	8.3
43	25	Cronite Grp	34	..	3.7	10.9	11.4
39	23	Cropper J.	39	..	1.3	3.3	..
140	94	Crosby Hse	127	..	..e	..	..
70	45	Crossley Bldg	62	..	6.3	10.1	9.9
98	48	Crouch D.	91	..	6.0	6.6	7.8
73	25	Crouch Grp	72	..	4.2	5.8	12.7
53	32½	Crown House	50	..	4.7	9.5	9.7
45	28	Crowther J.	32	..	0.9	2.8	..
147	83	Cum'ns En Cv	£90	..	375	4.2	..
160	63½	Dale Electric	133	..	4.1	3.1	13.3
17¾	14	Dana Corp	£17	-¼	67.2	4.0	..
19	8	Dartmouth Inv	19	..	1.2	6.4	11.9
131	70½	Davies & New	131	+3	11.1	8.5	7.5
87	29	Davis G.	79	+2	5.0	6.3	6.4
298	150	Davy Int	220	+6	15.5	7.0	7.3
126	48	Dawson J.	126	h	8.1	6.4	16.4
530	350	De Beers Ind	530	..	44.6	8.6	10.4
28	21	Deanson Hldgs	28	..	3.2	11.3	8.4
119	64¾	Debenhams	106	..	8.0	7.6	7.3
319	129¾	De La Rue	290	+6	15.0	5.4	5.3
580	233	Decca	451	..	18.6	4.0	12.0
555	223	Do A	410	..	16.6	4.0	11.7
81	49	Delta Metal	74	..	6.8	9.5	9.9
100	66	Denbyware	70	..	8.2	11.7	..
176	92	De Vere Hotels	154	+1	6.7	4.3	28.7
55½	27¼	Dew G.	55½	h	2.8	5.1	9.0
62	27	Dewhirst I. J.	61	..	2.6	4.3	10.5
142	99	DRG	121	..	9.9n	8.1	8.8
178	57	Diploma Inv	137	+1	5.8	4.2	8.3
69	28	Dixon D	69	..	3.6	5.5	30.7
175	63	Dixons Photo	145	..	3.4	2.4	7.1
55	20	Dixor	55	h +1	0.9	1.7	67.9
81	37	Dobson Park	81	+2	3.2	4.0	6.4
66	41	Dom Hldgs	66	..	6.6	10.0	11.8
105	43¾	Douglas R. M.	87	..	4.9	5.5	6.1
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	22½	..	1.6	6.9	10.5
250	105	Downing G. H.	205	..	16.5	5.0	4.4
176	93	Dowty Grp	173	+3	6.7	3.9	11.0
26	12½	Drake & Scull	25	..	..	..	3.5
50	28	Dreamland Elec	39	..	2.5	8.0	12.3
47	33	Dufay	37	+1	2.6	6.9	11.6
123	73¾	Dunlop Hldgs	91	+1	8.9	9.9	4.8
14½	5½	Duple Int	13	..	0.9	6.9	6.4
97½	57½	Dupont	67½	+½	6.4	9.5	4.8
134	41	Durapipe Int	102	-1	5.7	5.6	6.5
50	26	Dutton For	47½	-1½	4.3	5.0	8.1
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	25½	..	..	..	9.3
283	142	E M I.	149	..	14.0	9.4	3.6
126	22¾	ERF Hldgs	107	-2	3.7	2.4	4.9
52	35	E Lancs Paper	40	+2	5.0	10.2	4.9
93	22	Eastern Prod	84	..	6.6	7.8	6.5
106	56	Eastwood J. B.	86	+2	5.9	6.8	2.4
154	105	Edbro	140	..	9.9	6.4	5.8
45	19	Elcco Hldgs	42	..	2.9	6.9	11.5
48	32	Elec & Ind Secs	44	+½	4.1	9.2	8.1
360	89	Electrocomps	332	..	7.5	2.2	15.3
24½	15	Electronic Mach	19½	..	..	..	..
124	48	Electr'nic Rent	117	..	7.6	6.5	5.4
119	59½	Elliott B.	85	+1	7.9	9.3	5.3
44	14	Elliott Grp	19	..	..e	..	5.9
97	64	Ellis & Everard	78	..	7.6	9.7	14.4
20½	14¾	Ellis & Gold	20	..	2.7	13.7	11.3
79	37	Elson & Robbins	72	..	4.7	6.5	5.7
23	9	Elswick Hopper	19	-½	1.4	7.2	7.9
202	92½	Empire Stores	154	-2	7.3	4.7	13.4
14¼	4¾	Energy Serv	13½	..	0.3b	2.4	14.6
36	22	England J. E.	34	..	2.0	5.5	2.9
34	25	English & O'seas	25	..	0.5	3.5	24.0
106	50	English Card Cl	76	..	4.2	5.5	4.2
109	69¾	Eng China Clay	80	..	5.4	6.7	8.9
90	51	Erith & Co	75	..	8.7	11.0	9.3
290	223	Esperanza	241	..	9.0	5.6	5.2
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	59	..	7.6b	12.5	1.9
116½	54	Euro Ferries	111	-½	4.2	3.8	8.5
107	52	Eva Industries	97	-1	7.3	8.4	6.7
211	121	Ever Ready	147	+2	6.1	4.1	7.6
47½	32	Evode Hldgs	37	..	1.7	4.7	6.0
27½	24½	Ewer G.	26	..	2.0n	7.8	10.0
19½	7½	Excalibur	15½	..	0.9	5.0	6.1
105	65	Exch Telegraph	92	..	7.0	7.4	7.9
77¼	55	Expand Metal	59½	..	5.6	9.5	7.3

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115	82	FMC	69	..	3.9	5.6	3.4
26	7	FPA Cons	23	..	1.7	7.4	10.2
62	29¼	Fairbairn L'sn	54	..	5.5	10.2	8.3
73	37¼	Fairclough Cons	68	..	3.8	5.5	7.3
110	29	Fairview Est	106	+1	8.9	8.4	6.4
125	103	Farmer S W.	117	-2	7.7	6.5	..
240	81	Farnell Elect	211	+3	9.9	4.7	15.5
47	33	Fed Lnd & Build	44	..	3.5	7.9	21.9
36	22	Fedex Ltd	32	..	2.0	6.2	9.2
150	111	Fenner J. H.	132	+2	10.2	7.7	9.0
106	45	Ferguson Ind	93	..	9.1	9.8	9.7
49	19½	Fine Art Dev	46	..	2.8	6.0	11.0
319	170	Finlay J.	299	+2	9.9	3.3	5.5
21	5	Finlay Pack	19	..	0.9	4.7	7.0
400	283	Fisons	340	-2	19.3	5.7	6.8
73	45	Fitch Lovell	66	..	6.1	9.3	5.3
83	43¾	Flidrive Eng	74	-1	5.0	6.9	7.9
68	29	Fodens	52	-2	3.8	7.3	3.4
129	48	Fogarty E.	129	+3	4.8	3.7	6.7
25½	15½	Folkes Hefo NV	23½	..	2.1	8.9	5.5
34	20	Ford M.	32	..	3.8	12.0	9.1
250	130	Ford Mtr BDR	170	-5	8.3	4.9	28.0
137	49¾	Forminster	129	+1	6.0	4.7	8.1
212	129	Foseco Min	131	..	6.5	5.0	7.8
91	39	Foster Bros	85	..	4.3	5.1	11.0
33	19	Foster J.	29	+1	2.5	8.9	9.9
94	69	Fothergill & H	93	..	9.4	10.7	7.3
48	28	Francis G. R.	42	..	5.4	12.9	7.6
70	28	Francis Ind	56	..	5.1	9.1	4.7
318	127	Freemans Ldn	295	+6	9.0	3.1	13.7
70	40	French T.	65	..	3.9	6.0	5.0
35½	14	French Kier	32	..	2.3b	7.1	13.1
96	53	Friedland Doggt	88	..	4.7	5.4	6.3
83	49	GEI Int	71	..	5.9	8.3	5.7
67	32½	Gallifd Brindley	55	..	5.1	9.3	5.9
18	7½	Garford Lilley	16	..	1.1	6.9	6.3
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	96	..	6.8	7.1	4.5
282	163	GEC	251	+2	5.8	2.3	10.3
104½	96½	Do F Rate	£100¼	..	869	..	..
27	13½	Gen Eng (Rad)	20	..	1.5	7.7	5.3
330	185	Gen Mtr BDR	235	..	11.0g	4.7	22.8
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	176	+3	6.0	3.4	6.2
69	32¾	Gibbons Dudley	67½	+½	3.5	5.6	3.1
102	35	Gieves Grp	102	+1	6.8	6.6	9.7
240	161½	Gill & Duffus	226	+6	13.2	5.8	7.6
58	23	Giltspur Ltd	50	-1	4.1	8.2	5.1
70	38	Glass & Metal	66	..	4.2	6.4	4.7
36	13	Glass Glover	24	..	1.8	7.6	6.6
687	400	Glaxo Hldgs	532	+2	15.5	2.9	10.7
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	45	..	2.8	6.2	6.9
57	34	Glossop & W. J.	55	..	5.5	10.0	6.9
120	76	Glynwed	112	..	11.4b	10.2	9.5
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	66	..	5.7	8.6	13.1
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	80	..	4.6	5.7	10.6
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	85	..	4.0	4.7	8.1
23	11	Gordon L. Grp	19	..	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	54	+1	6.0	11.0	7.8
99	42¾	Granada 'A'	92	..	3.0	3.2	10.0
109	69½	Grand Met Ltd	105	+2	8.4	8.1	8.7
348	183	Gt Univ Stores	300	..	11.8	3.9	13.9
346	175	Do A	294	+2	11.8	4.0	13.6
47	17¾	Greenfield Mill	46	..	1.9	4.1	5.5
93	65	Greens Econ	73	..	6.4	8.8	5.7
55	28	Gripperrods	45	..	3.6	8.0	5.0
368	260	GKN	275	..	23.6	8.6	7.6
109	71	Haden Carrier	92	+2	12.0	13.0	5.5
110	55	Haggas J.	104	..	1.0	1.0	8.1
98	62½	Hall Eng	93	+1	6.7	7.2	5.2
207	98½	Hall M.	196	+3	10.0n	5.1	7.8
64	14	Halma Ltd	60	..	2.1	3.5	9.9
102	68	Hanimex Corp	100	..	4.1	4.1	5.6
161	100	Hanson Trust	136	-1	9.5	7.0	6.7
51	26	Hardy Furn	31	+1	..e	..	..
43	23	Do A	28	+1	..e	..	..
61	38	Hargreaves Grp	54	..	4.6	8.5	8.8
53	34½	Harris Sheldon	48	..	4.5	9.4	7.7
111	45	Harrison T.C.	101	..	5.8	5.8	9.6
438	276¾	Harrison Cros	363	..	19.3b	5.3	8.8
92	41	Hartwells Grp	86	+2	6.7	7.7	7.4
214	113	Hawker Sidd	198	..	5.9	3.0	7.8
76	43	Hawkins & T'son	68½	-½	6.1	8.7	4.8
78	24	Hawthorn L.	64	..	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	128	-8	7.5	5.9	13.3
35½	12½	Headlam Sims	34	..	1.9	5.6	7.0
31	20	Helical Bar	24	..	..e	..	14.3
57	39	Rend'son Kent	74	..	3.3	4.5	4.3
144	79	Henly's	119	+1	10.0n	8.4	4.7
100	39½	Hepworth Cer	79	..	5.0	6.3	6.3
65	29¾	Hepworth J.	57	..	3.5	6.1	9.1
11½	6½	Herman Smith	9½	..	0.4	4.5	35.4
143	75	Hestair	113	+1	9.1	8.1	4.0
60	17½	Hewden-Stuart	56	..	1.9	3.4	10.5
23½	11	Hewitt J.	22½	..	1.6	6.9	5.0
89	63	Hickng P'cost	82	..	9.8	12.0	9.4
203¾	98¾	Hickson Welch	163	+1	5.2	3.2	4.4
97	36	Higgs & Hill	85	..	5.0	5.9	4.3
49	27¾	Hill & Smith	47	..	3.0	6.4	2.9
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	112	..	9.9	8.8	..
300	71	Hillards	205	..	6.7	3.3	5.9
92	66	Hoffnung S.	73	..	6.4	8.8	5.4
64	35	Hollas Grp	54	..	6.4	11.8	5.0
74	34	Hollis Bros	61	..	6.7	11.0	5.5
148	70	Holt Lloyd	131	+1	8.5	6.5	13.0
123	60	Home Charm	110	..	5.2	4.7	11.5
410	195	Hoover	335	..	22.5	6.7	13.0
412	195	Do A	337	..	22.5	6.7	13.0
105	55	Hopkinsons	83	+1	7.1	8.6	4.5
93	26	Horizon Mid	89	..	4.5	5.0	6.1
157	71	Hse of Fraser	144	..	7.2	5.0	10.5
70	28	Hoveringham	70	..	2.9	4.1	14.1
64	21½	Do RV	62	..	2.9	4.7	12.5
23	11¾	Howard & Wynd	21½	..	..	..	12.2
22	10½	Do A	21	..	..	..	11.9
52	27	Howard Mach	31	..	3.4	10.9	21.7
31	17	Howard Tenens	28	..	2.6	9.3	..
71	39	Howden Grp	58½	-½	5.6	9.6	16.2
13⅝	9⅜	Hudsons Bay	£12⅜	-¼	31.2	2.4	13.0
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	27½	-½	1.1	3.9	8.1
220	78	Hunting Assoc	190	..	4.5	2.4	8.5
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	86	..	3.4	3.9	6.9
77½	47	Hutch Whamp	76½	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
284	150	ICL	230	..	11.3	4.9	4.2
115	35	IDC Grp	113	..	13.6	12.0	21.2
163	74	Ibstock Johns'n	142	-1	9.3	6.6	5.3
445	225½	Imp Chem Ind	380	+4	25.0	7.0	7.9
120	75	Imp Cold Store	97	..	7.8	8.0	3.8
85½	65	Imperial Grp	76½	+1	8.6	11.2	5.8
69	46	Imp Metal Ind	61	..	5.0	8.2	7.4
24	17	Ingall Ind	22½	..	2.3	12.6	8.3
39	27	Ingram H.	34	..	4.3	12.5	8.0
74½	46	Initial Services	69½	..	6.6	9.5	11.7
72	41½	Int Paint	66	..	3.6	5.4	5.6
135	70	Int Timber	114	-1	9.9	8.7	5.3
82	47	Inveresk Grp	68	+1	7.4	10.7	8.0
9¼	6½	Itoh BDR	£8⅝	..	8.6	1.0	..
69	27	JB Hldgs	58	+1	1.6	2.8	5.3
25	12	Jacks W.	24	..	1.0	4.2	..
62	37	Jacksons B'End	62	..	..e	..	..
13¼	8½	James M. Ind	13¼	-½	0.8	5.7	..
356	149	Jardine M'son	222	-3	6.5	2.9	..
197	98	Jarvis J.	180	..	13.6	7.5	5.9
42	16	Jessups Hldgs	39	+1	2.4	6.0	5.8
66	43¼	Johnson & F B	64	+1	7.1	11.1	4.7
89	27	Johnson Grp	83½	-1½	5.9	7.1	5.8
492	307	Johnson Matt	402	..	20.2	5.0	6.8
118	36	Johnson-Richd	116	-2	2.7	2.3	13.6
90	42¼	Jones Strmd	85	..	6.3n	7.4	6.5
44	21	Jourdan T.	35	-1	4.0	11.3	5.4
60	27	K Shoes	47	..	3.4	7.3	4.3
135	36	Kelsey Ind	98	..	4.9	5.0	4.5
84	49½	Kenning Mtr	70	..	6.3	9.0	3.2
44	21	Kent M. P.	43	+2	3.1	7.3	11.6
73	13	Kitchen Taylor	50	..	1.5	3.0	5.0
105	82¾	Kode Int	104	+1	7.1	6.8	5.2
58½	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	52	..	1.2	2.3	22.7
137¾	65¾	Kwik Save Disc	80	+3	3.9	4.9	12.3
96	62	LCP Hldgs	87	-1	7.3	8.3	7.5
46	29½	LRC Int	38	+½	4.4	11.7	6.6
127	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	122	..	10.5	8.6	7.8
216	88	Ladbroke	181	+3	10.6n	5.9	6.2
56	30¾	Ladies Pride	54	..	3.3	6.1	5.6
171	70	Laing J.	132	..	5.0	3.8	10.7
170	69	Do A	127	..	5.0	4.0	10.3
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	84	+1	4.5	5.3	5.6
65	43	Lake & Elliot	48	..	5.3	11.3	10.8
41	31	Lambert H'wth	39	..	4.8	12.3	5.6
79	25	Lane P. Grp	56	+1	5.0	8.9	3.8
131	83¾	Laporte Ind	92	..	10.3	11.2	5.1
135	91	Latham J.	112	..	10.5	9.4	5.2
136	47	Lawrence Scott	113	..	7.6	6.7	6.6
106	53	Lawrence W.	96	..	9.9	10.3	7.2
66	24	Lawtex	39	..	4.8	5.2	3.9
177	128	Lead Industries	130	..	11.2	8.6	5.1
62	36	Le-Bas E.	40	-1	2.5	6.3	..
25	15¼	Lee A.	23¾	..	2.2	9.5	5.7
138	29¾	Lee Cooper	117	..	2.5	2.1	5.0
189	32½	Leigh Int	154	-2	5.5	3.6	21.9
115	60¼	Leisure C'van	107	..	6.7	6.3	12.3
45	27	Lennons Grp	33	..	2.3	7.1	20.7
283	113	Lep Grp	243	..	5.2	2.1	7.2
82	37	Lesney Ord	64	+1	4.1	6.4	4.7
135	70	Letraset	134	-1	4.6	3.4	9.3
83	36½	Lex Services	76	+2	5.3	6.9	3.8
22½	5¾	Liberty Ord	£22½	..	48.5	2.3	9.8
92	33	Lilley F. J. C.	71	..	3.8	5.3	6.5
61	30	Lincroft Klig	58	-1	5.2	9.4	3.1
151	58	Lindustries	133	-1	12.6	10.3	7.6
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	143	-3	13.6	9.5	6.0
39	19	Linread	35	+1	3.0	8.7	..
46	22	Lister & Co	44	+2	0.2e	0.3	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	69	+1	7.5	10.9	6.1
16½	9	Locker T.	16½	+½	1.2	7.6	7.4
16¾	8¾	Do A	16¼	+¼	1.3	7.7	7.3
119	58	Lockwoods Fds	115	..	5.6	4.9	6.2
81	44	Ldn & N'land	78	+1	7.2b	9.3	6.9
43½	23	Ldn & N'thern	25	..	3.0b	12.1	4.6
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	62	-½	4.6	7.5	6.9
227	94	Ldn Prov Post	211	..	13.6	6.5	9.8
73	31	Longton Trans	55	..	5.4	9.8	2.2
97	60	Lonrho	70	-1	9.9	14.2	4.2
85	38	Lonsdale Univ	78	+1	7.0	9.0	5.5
58	26	Lookers	57	..	3.7	6.5	3.0
90	44	Lovell Hldgs	80	+1	5.9	7.4	3.8
175	120	Low & Bonar	172	..	16.5n	9.6	5.5
337	204	Lucas Ind	293	+3	12.8	4.5	7.0
98	25	Lyon & Lyon	80	..	9.1	11.4	8.6
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	93	-1	11.5	12.4	7.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
75	16½	MFI W'house	69	..	3.3	4.8	17.5
214	87	MK Electric	165	-3	8.8	5.3	7.0
98	48	ML Hldgs	96	..	6.4	6.7	8.3
68	37	MY Dart	69	+2	3.3	4.8	5.3
253	128	McCorquodale	233	..	21.6	9.3	6.6
48	25	McInerney Prop	44	..	..	..	19.4
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	11	..	0.4	3.5	..
49	28	Mackay H.	42	..	4.9	11.7	12.7
94	60¾	McKechnie Bros	89	..	7.5	8.4	5.0
45	12½	Mackinnon (Scot)	45	..	2.5	5.6	5.9
56	31	McNeill Grp	56	..	..	..	..
63½	37	Macpherson D.	59	-½	4.0	6.8	6.0
65	37	Madame Tussds	64	h	3.7n	5.8	13.6
217	113	Magnet & Sthns	176½	..	12.9	7.3	8.2
55½	29	Mallinson Denny	46	..	4.2	9.1	8.5
79	50	Man Agcy Music	74	-1	8.5	11.5	5.6
30	25	Manch Garages	25	..	3.6	14.2	2.7
247	177	Man Ship Canal	205	+2	23.6	11.5	11.1
100	14	Mang Bronze	99	..	2.9	3.6	3.5
53	27	Manordale Grp	51	..	6.2	12.2	4.9
17½	5½	Maple Hldgs	16	..	..e	..	..
292	114	Marchwiel	279	+2	5.2	1.9	6.5
170	95	Marks & Spencer	149	-1	6.4	4.3	17.9
99	46	Marley Ltd	78	-1	3.8	4.9	6.9
24	9¾	Marling Ind	27½	-½	1.5	5.7	8.9
58½	51	Marshall Cav	52	-½	6.0	11.5	9.0
46	27	Marshall T Lox	45	..	3.5	7.5	5.8
44	26	Do A	42	..	3.5	8.4	5.4
162	95	Marshalls Univ	152	+5	9.5	6.2	5.1
97	47	Martin-Black	82	..	6.7	12.9	5.2
282	95½	Martin-News	250	..	10.2	4.1	9.9
250	92	Martonair	244	..	8.1	5.8	9.9
95	45	May & Hassell	61	..	4.4	7.1	4.5
126	60	Maynards	124	..	7.2	5.9	7.6
31	18	Mears Bros	25	..	2.7	10.9	..
26	10½	Medminster	22	..	2.9	11.1	24.9
75	50	Melody Mills	74	..	4.4	5.9	8.2
54	30¾	Melville D & W	40	..	3.7	9.3	4.1
12½	9	Mentmore Mfg	12	..	1.3	10.6	15.2
152	38	Menzies J.	152	+2	3.6	2.3	16.4
362	246	Metal Box	305	-6	21.5	7.0	7.0
95	65	Metal Closures	94	..	6.4	7.6	6.9
46	7¾	Metalrax	44	..	1.7	3.9	6.5
55	28	Mettoy	41	+1	3.2	7.9	5.9
77	44	Meyer M. L.	74	-1	6.9	9.4	3.2
44	19½	Midland Ind	40	..	2.5	3.8	5.9
86	35½	Milbury	72	..	7.3	10.1	6.9
195	25	Mills & Allen	173	+11	3.0	1.8	..
169½	96	Min Marsters	159	+2	8.6b	5.4	6.2
93	29	Mining Supplies	59	-1	1.7e	2.8	5.4
49	36½	Mit Cotts Grp	43	..	5.2	12.0	5.7
66	24½	Mitchell Somers	62	..	2.4	3.8	6.3
66	43	Mixconcrete	61	+2	4.8	7.9	10.2
40	22¾	Modern Eng	38	..	4.0	10.5	8.0
232	97	Molins	212	..	10.8	9.7	5.1
95	23½	Monk A.	64	+2	5.4	8.4	8.8
56½	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£46	..	500	10.9	..
59½	40	Do 6% Ln	£55	..	625	11.4	..
220	96	Do 5% Cnv	£106	-2	500	4.7	..
60	35	Montfort Knit	47	..	5.3	11.3	5.0
86	25	More O'Ferrall	95	-1	5.2	5.4	25.7
137	86	Morgan Cruc	120	..	7.7	6.4	10.9
46	24	Morgan Edwds	26	+1	..e	..	69.1
43	26	Morrall Abel	43	..	2.6	8.4	4.6
52	36	Morris & Blakey	42	..	6.2	14.8	10.1
50	33	Do A	40	..	6.2	15.6	9.6
108	44	Moss Bros	95	..	6.1b	6.4	17.2
73	46	Moss Eng	67	..	6.3	9.4	7.1
210	101	Mothercare	184	+2	4.2	2.7	17.8
15	8	Mortlex	15	..	..	..	..
144	45	Mowlem J.	128	..	9.9	7.7	8.7
200	127¾	Muirhead	174	..	7.6	4.4	13.3
72	39	Myson Grp	64	-½	..e	..	..
117	49	NSS News	107	..	3.2	3.0	9.7
51	27	Nathan B. & L.	49	..	4.6	9.2	20.6
67	38	Nat Carbon	49	..	..e	..	..
39	12	Needlers	36	..	2.3	6.3	5.9
45	30½	Neepsend	44	..	4.6	10.4	17.9
90	37	Negretti & Zam	84	+3	5.0	6.0	7.7
93	69	Neill J.	91	..	9.7n	10.6	7.1
187	45	Newarthill	155	..	6.8	4.4	11.2
75	33½	Newman Ind	73	..	7.6	10.4	2.9
72	33	Newman Tonks	60	..	6.1	10.1	7.7
180	88	Newmark L.	158	..	9.9n	6.3	5.0
84	51	Norcros	82	-1	6.2	7.5	6.2
44	11	Norfolk F Grp	39	+1	0.9	2.3	16.3
46	26	Normand Elec	40	..	4.3	10.8	12.8
100	54	NEI	96½	-½	8.5b	8.8	..
90	45¾	Nthn Foods	89	+1	3.7	4.1	10.6
205	44	Norton & Wright	182	..	6.0	3.3	17.6
38	9	Norton W. E.	32	-1	1.0	3.1	6.3
100	52	Norwest Holst	89	h	6.4	7.2	6.3
118	60	Notts Mfg	115	+1	4.5	3.9	6.7
122	45½	Nurdin & Peacock	91	+5	2.6	3.2	11.3
26	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	22½	..	2.4	10.5	10.7

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	68	Ocean Wilsons	78	..	5.4	6.9	8.1
99	55	Office & Elect	91	+1	6.2	6.8	6.6
116	60	Ufrex Grp	116	+1	5.0	4.3	13.6
39½	23¾	Ogilvy & M	£34¼	-¼	21.5	0.6	15.0
87	40	Osborn S.	87	..	5.4	6.2	5.3
84	43	Owen Owen	70	+1	4.0	5.7	7.0
60	7	Oxley Printing	59½	+2½	3.8b	6.3	11.9
124½	56½	Parker Knoll 'A'	107	..	5.0	4.7	4.3
115	60	Parker Timber	107	..	8.3	7.7	4.8
36	14	Paterson R.	31	..	3.5	11.3	9.0
230	126¾	Paterson Zoch	175	-5	11.7b	6.7	3.3
225	117¾	Do A NV	165	-5	11.7b	7.1	3.1
135	62½	Pauls & Whites	115	..	6.5	5.7	8.4
186	103	Pearson Long	182	+3	8.2	4.5	8.4
207	123	Pearson & Son	189	..	9.4	5.0	8.9
37½	24½	Do 4½% Ln	£33½	..	400	11.9	..
303	152	Pegler-Hatt	136	..	11.6	7.5	5.2
25½	8	Pentland Ind	21½	..	1.0	4.4	7.4
82	42	Pentos	81	..	6.5	8.0	5.4
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£71	..	..	..	..
172	61	Perry H. Mtrs	166	+4	7.8	4.7	10.5
87	59	Petrocon Grp	64	..	6.7	10.5	7.4
64	51	Philips Fin 5¾%	£57½	..	575	10.0	..
11	7⁹⁄₃₂	Philips Lamps	£9¾	..	37.1	4.1	..
19	7	Phillips Pats	15	..	..	..	34.9
195	84	Phoenix Timber	145	-1	6.5	4.5	2.0
295	130	Photo-Me Int	295	..	6.0	2.0	8.9
101	67	P'dilly Theatre	101	..	1.6	1.6	54.8
16	11	Pickles W.	13	..	1.0	8.0	8.7
112	64	Pifco Hldgs	94	..	4.2	4.5	7.1
109	52	Do A	92	..	4.2	4.6	7.0
540	273	Pilkington Bros	484	+7	16.9	3.5	7.2
66	44	Pittard Grp	59	..	4.2	7.1	5.3
75	40½	Plaxtons	75	+2	5.4	7.2	6.4
75	31	Pleasurama	72	+2	3.1	4.3	7.0
117	62	Plessey	100	+1	7.4	7.4	10.1
15¾	7⅝	Do ADR	£13⅞	+¼	..	..	..
85	42	Plysu	80	..	2.0	2.5	10.3
432	136	Pork Farms	432	..	19.8b	4.6	11.5
258	158	Portals Hldgs	222	..	11.9	5.3	11.8
127	51	Porter Chad	104	..	7.5	7.2	6.1
53	32	Portsmth News	52	..	4.3	8.3	6.5
223	119	Powell Duffryn	167	+4	15.2	9.1	8.3
74	50	Pratt F. Eng	74	..	7.3	9.9	6.2
86	32	Preedy A.	86	..	4.3	5.0	11.2
32	13¾	Press W.	29½	..	1.3	6.2	4.7
185	107	Prestige Grp	189	..	8.5	6.3	9.1
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	30	..	4.6	15.2	8.0
185	135	Pretoria P Cem	173½	+3½	17.6n	10.1	3.5
79	45	Priest B.	74	+½	8.0a	10.8	6.2
34½	18¾	Pritchard Serv	34	..	2.3	6.6	9.5
113	37	Pye Hldgs	98	+3	5.4n	5.5	11.8
36	23	Pyke W. J.	32	..	1.0	3.1	50.0
43	23	Pyramid Grp	43	..	3.3	7.7	8.8
22½	14	Quaker Oats	£16½	-½	58.7	3.6	9.9
32	6½	Queens Moat	32	-2	..	..	54.2
56	21	Quick H. J.	50½	..	2.5	5.0	3.7
77	31	R.F.D. Group	52½	..	2.4	4.6	4.8
80	27	RFT Textiles	67	..	7.1	10.6	4.0
288	117	Racal Elect	216	+4	5.9	2.7	11.3
18	12	Raine Eng	14	..	1.3b	9.4	6.2
20	9	Rakusen Grp	18	+2	..	..	..
278	140	Rank Org Ord	245	+1	12.1	4.9	7.7
53½	38½	RHM	49½	+½	5.0	10.1	7.9
67	50	RHP	58	+1	5.8	10.0	7.6
152	96	Ransomes Sims	140	+2	12.9	9.2	4.7
80	30½	Ratcliffe F. S.	65	..	7.1	11.0	6.4
112	18¾	Ratners	92	+2	1.0	1.0	9.4
72	35	Raybeck Ltd	71	+1	5.0	7.1	12.5
38½	33½	Readicut Int	32½	..	2.2	6.9	6.5
143	72	RMC	112	+1	8.8	7.8	7.6
510	330	Reckitt & Colman	425	+6	16.1	3.8	8.0
90	50	Record Ridgway	78	..	6.8n	8.7	6.6
328	76	Redfearn Nat	287	..	24.0	8.4	3.8
97	64	Rediffusion	97	+1	6.5	6.7	12.3
161	86	Redland	138	+1	6.3	4.5	9.6
82	16	Redman Heenan	54	..	2.8	5.1	3.7
100	32	Reed A.	78	..	4.1	5.3	9.3
97	32	Do A NV	76	..	3.9	5.2	9.0
48	15	Reed Exec	48	+4	4.2	8.7	..
236	102	Reed Int	113	+2	19.7	17.4	4.6
23½	14¾	Reliance Grp	£23½	-¼	31.1	1.3	12.6
41	13½	Reliance Knit	40	..	4.8	12.0	3.5
88	44	Rennies Cons	54	-1	9.7	17.9	2.6
164	112	Renold Ltd	123	-1	13.1	10.7	5.2
60	35	Rentokil Grp	49	..	2.4	5.0	11.1
46	37	Renwick Grp	42	..	..e	..	28.4
94	68	Revertex	88	+2	7.4	8.4	5.6
65	37	Rexmore	58	-1	6.5	11.2	4.7
140	29¼	Ricardo Eng	134	..	4.3	3.2	10.6
84	57	Richards & Wall	79	-1	6.2	7.8	9.7
22	14½	Rich'n-Merrell	£17¼	-¼	81.8	3.0	12.4
64	35	Richardsns W.	56½	+½	6.2	11.0	6.8
144	77½	Rockware Grp	107	+3	8.0	7.5	3.2
85	55	Rolls-R Motors	78½	..	7.2	9.1	7.8
52½	25	Ropner Hldgs	38	..	3.2	8.5	4.5
49	24½	Do A	34	..	3.2	9.5	4.0
13½	4½	Rosgill Hldgs	11½	+½	..b	..	..
55	30	Rotaflex	47	..	3.5	7.4	6.5
52	22	Rotaprint	45	..	4.2	9.3	7.4
58	33	Rothmans Int 'B'	49½	+½	3.1	6.2	3.1
161	60	Rotork Ltd	115	..	3.6	3.1	5.7
167	65	Routledge & K	162	..	5.6	3.4	12.4
102	40	Rowlinson Con	86	..	3.4	4.0	4.4
430	202	Rowntree Mac	395	+3	11.5	3.0	10.5
167	66	Rowton Hotels	148	..	9.0	6.1	26.0
142	94	Royal Worcs	111	-1	9.7	8.7	21.4
39½	14	Royco-Grp	38½	..	0.8	2.0	..
40	19	Ruberoid	33	-1	3.1	9.4	10.3
90	45	Rugby Cement	74	..	5.0	6.8	9.0
61	33	Do NV	50	..	4.2	8.5	14.1
154	55	SGB Grp	144	+1	8.0	5.5	8.4
79	7¾	SKF 'B'	£12½	..	47.9	3.8	6.2
115	52	Saatchi	115	+½	6.3	5.4	8.8
37½	29½	Sabah Timber	33½	..	2.3	7.1	3.2
285	130	Sainsbury J.	172	+7	8.6	5.0	20.9
25	15½	St Gobain	£25	..	63.7	2.5	11.9
230	123¾	Sale Tilney	203	..	15.5	7.6	3.2
221	116	Samuel H.	272	..	12.0	4.4	13.4
272	113	Do A	253	..	12.0	4.7	12.4
65	41	Sanderson Kay	62	..	6.2	9.9	9.1
29	20	Sanderson Mur	24	+1	4.7b	13.6	3.6
36	20	Sanger J. E.	29	..	..e	..	3.7
120	75	Sangers	76	..	8.8	11.6	5.9
77	33	Savoy Hotel 'A'	77	+3	1.5	2.0	16.2
116	69	Scapa Grp	93	..	8.3n	9.3	1.5
297	193	Scholes G. H.	265	..	25.1	9.5	12.5
92	41	Scotcros	71	..	4.6	6.5	7.0
62	34	S E E T.	51	..	2.8	5.4	3.3
41	29½	Scot Heritable	39	..	2.0n	5.0	4.9
72	25	Scottish TV 'A'	62	-1	3.4	5.4	5.1
100	55	Scot Univ Inv	100	+2	3.0	3.0	49.5
70½	27½	Sears Hldgs	60½	..	3.6	5.9	15.1
96	46	Securicor Grp	96	..	1.9	2.0	7.1
94	48	Do NV	94	..	1.9	2.0	6.9
98	46	Security Serv	98	..	3.0	3.1	3.5
100	40	Do A	100	..	3.0	3.0	5.6
29½	11½	Sekers Int	26	..	2.1b	8.1	14.5
28	20¼	Sellincourt	23½	..	1.9	7.9	4.4
27	16	Senior Eng	22	..	1.8	8.0	7.5
120	44	Serck	84½	+½	9.0	10.7	7.8
39½	25	Shakespeare J.	35	..	2.9	8.3	6.6
27½	23	Shaw Carpets	22	..	..e	..	..
101	55	Sheepbridge	70	+1	6.4	9.2	8.9
17½	3½	Sherman S.	31½	..	..	..	..
106	67	Sidlaw Ind	94	..	9.1	10.9	9.7
192	113	Siebe Gorman	183	+2	9.0	4.9	9.2
66	70	Sirdar	58	..	4.4	7.6	4.4
175	152	Sigmode Tr Cn	£158	..	700	4.4	..
250	129	Simon Eng	210	+2	11.1	5.3	6.8
96	26	Simpson S.	80	..	5.9	7.2	6.5
93	36	Do A	80	..	5.9	7.2	6.5
66	40	Scotcrsner Hunt	58	..	4.2	7.3	8.7
92	54	600 Group	74	-1	3.9	9.0	7.4
109	55	Sketchley	97	..	7.6	7.2	11.5
32	19	Small & Tidmas	20	..	2.0	10.1	6.8
38	20	Smallshaw R.	38	..	2.3	6.0	4.2
49	27½	Smart J.	43	..	5.2	12.2	5.9
99	28	Smith D. S.	81	..	3.9	4.8	7.0
67½	29½	Smith & Neph	61½	..	3.7	5.9	7.2
168	67¾	Smith W. H. 'A'	159	..	3.1	1.9	17.9
192	110	Smiths Ind	164	+4	11.0	6.7	7.5
220	94¾	Smurfit	187	-2	9.2	4.9	16.0
35	15	Sobranie	25	..	2.5	10.2	20.2
26	15	Do NV	24	..	2.5	10.6	9.8
60	42	Solicitors Law	54	+3	5.9	10.8	16.0
249	156	Sotheby P. B.	249	-3	12.7	5.1	10.4
272	221	Spear & Jackson	136	-2	14.2	11.3	12.6
245	200	Spear J. W.	225	..	2.8	1.2	8.2
32	14	Spencer Gears	22	..	1.7	5.0	9.0
49	27½	Spencer G.	44	-1	3.7	8.5	8.5
39½	26½	Spillers	32	-3	4.2	12.3	7.0
290	149	Spirax-Sarco	274	+4	13.4	4.9	10.9
58	37	Spooner Ind	49	+1	4.0	8.2	4.9
156	65	Staffs Potts	136	..	5.5	4.1	6.7
49	23	Stalles Int	22	..	..e	..	1.7
114½	40½	Stag Furniture	97	..	7.3	7.5	5.2
142	64	Stanley A. G.	126	..	9.0	6.3	16.0
250	162	Staveley Ind	224	..	13.2	5.9	7.6
362	204¾	Steel Bros	260	..	17.9b	5.0	10.3
234	135	Steetley Co	172	-2	9.8	5.7	4.2
26	9	Steinberg	15	..	1.3	8.7	17.2
50	35	Stew't & Ll 6½%	45	..	..	..	..
45	23	Stocklake Hldgs	69	..	3.9	5.6	3.8
192	85	Stocksd. & Son	150	..	5.9	3.9	5.6
97	67¾	Storehill	87	..	9.1b	10.4	8.2
146	90	Stone Platt	105	+1	5.5	5.2	7.7
174	95	Stothert & Pitt	155	+1	14.9	9.7	6.9
43½	27	Streeters	34	..	2.8	8.6	5.4
87	56	Strong & Fisher	58	..	6.6	11.4	3.4
32	22	Sunbeam W'sor	32	-2	4.2	13.8	7.5
57	28	Sutcliffe S'man	57	..	3.6	6.2	9.0
262	40	Swan Hunter	131	..	10.3	7.9	10.8
150	70	Swire Pacific 'A'	111	+2	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	17	..	2.6	21.9	10.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	9	Tace	29½	..	1.9a	6.6	5.0
13⅞	6⅝	Takeda Bdr	£13⅞	+¼	16.8	1.2	44.4
25½	3	Talbex Grp	25½	+½	0.8b	3.3	34.1
220	124	Tarmac Ltd	132	-1	13.4	10.1	7.5
250	188	Tate & Lyle	196	+2	20.4	10.4	4.7
139	93	Taverner R'tlge	102	..	8.8	8.6	14.8
52	43	Taylor Pallis	81	..	6.8	8.4	7.9
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	380	+2	10.7	2.8	9.2
122	45	Tecalemit	112	+3	5.5	4.9	7.9
42	25	Telefusion	35	..	1.9	5.3	5.5
41	27	Do A	34	..	1.9	5.5	5.3
142	84	Telephone Rent	134	..	8.3	6.7	10.9
50½	23	Tesco	41½	+1	2.3	5.6	9.3
29½	11	Textured Jersey	23	..	1.5b	6.6	11.2
139	81	Thermal Synd	113	..	10.2	9.0	6.1
251¾	121¾	Thomson Org	233	+3	3.0	2.3	7.5
450	296	Thorn Electric	358	+2	20.4	2.9	9.7
14	6½	Thurgar Bardex	14	..	1.0	7.4	5.2
535	403	Tiger Oats	550	-5	30.9	5.6	4.6
256	144	Tilbury Cont	240	+2	27.2	11.3	5.2
18	6¾	Tilling T.	105	..	6.5	6.1	13.3
128	42	Time Products	123	+1	2.4	1.9	10.3
20	8	Tiaghur Jute	9	-3	..	..	..
29½	10	Tomkins F. H.	22½	+½	1.5	6.4	8.2
51½	31	Tootal	50	+1	3.5	7.5	11.3
49	16	Toye	49	..	1.3	2.8	26.8
50	32½	Tozer Kemsley	46	+2	4.6	10.0	5.8
166	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	134	-2	7.8	5.8	8.3
82	45	Trans Paper	68	..	6.7	9.9	5.4
73	45	Transport Dev	69	..	4.5	6.6	9.3
5½	2	Transwood Grp	3½	..	..	..	..
149	71	Travis & Arnold	140	..	5.3	3.8	5.8
55	25	Tricoville	53	..	2.8	5.2	4.9
59	37½	Trident TV 'A'	51	-1	4.3	8.4	6.4
89	50	Triplex Found	77	-½	6.6	8.6	6.1
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	195	+5	12.4	6.4	8.0
431	311½	Tube Invest	386	+2	31.8	8.7	5.4
287	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	238	+3	15.5	6.5	8.9
11¼	7	Turner Curzon	9¾	..	1.1	11.1	5.9
253	130	Turner Newall	187	+3	15.3	8.2	6.0
128	33	Turner Mfg	101	+5	6.1	6.0	3.8
72	27	Turriff	61	..	3.2	5.2	7.0
79	74	UBM Grp	70½	+½	6.4	9.1	18.9
39	54	UDS Grp	93	+1	7.3	8.3	14.4
192	145	UKO Int	154	..	12.5	8.1	8.4
103	62	Unicorn Ind	94	..	8.2	8.7	8.5
57½	42	Unigate	55	+1	4.8	8.8	7.8
596	412	Unilever	505	+4	20.6	4.1	6.3
28⅞	20½	Do NV	£25½	..	123	4.8	9.9
103	55	Unitech	103	-2	5.7n	5.5	11.9
177	139½	Utd Biscuit	147	+1	8.2	5.6	8.2
54	21¾	Utd City Merc	52	+3	1.2	2.3	6.3
35	20	Utd Eng	34	..	3.4	9.9	9.4
63	31¾	Utd Gas Ind	55	-1	3.5	10.0	9.0
348	198	Utd News	349	+4	21.2	6.1	7.2
292	91¾	Utd Scientific	284	+7	9.1	3.2	11.9
42	29	Valor	39	..	3.0	7.6	6.8
132	78	Vantona	120	+1	7.8	6.5	5.5
155	95	Vereenging Ref	150	+10	17.9	11.9	4.0
29¾	9¾	Velcro	£17⅞	f	11.6	0.7	..
174	84	Vibroplant	160	..	15.0	9.4	11.6
242	144	Vickers	180	+6	13.8	7.7	4.5
45½	26	Vita-Tex	42	..	4.9	11.5	6.2
182	71	Vosper	170	..	7.0	4.1	6.1
79	37	W Ribbons	75	+1	5.0	6.7	7.1
98	70	WGI	96	..	8.8	9.2	20.6
262	111	Waddington J.	215	-1	3.6	1.7	7.7
36	15	Wade Potteries	34	..	2.0	5.8	7.1
117	70	Wadkin	115	..	8.0	7.0	6.4
125	83	Wagon Ind	116	..	11.2b	9.6	8.5
17½	10	Walker & Homer	15	..	1.4	9.1	4.4
130	76½	Walker C'& W	118	..	9.1	7.7	6.4
103	32	Walker J. Gold	79	..	3.5	4.5	6.3
102	32	Do NV	77	..	3.5	4.6	6.1
117	55½	Ward & Gold	91	..	6.2	6.8	6.5
65	39¼	Ward T W.	62	+2	6.2	10.0	10.0
21	13	Wardle B.	18	+½	1.9	10.7	3.6
90	44½	Waring & Gillow	87	..	5.0	5.8	9.0
46	29¼	Warne Wright	43	..	4.0	9.3	3.3
90	44	Warren J.	64	h +1	..e	..	..
54	19½	Warrington T.	49	..	4.7	9.7	26.2
51	21¼	Waterford Glass	44	+1	2.0	4.5	10.7
85	36½	Watmoughs	81	..	5.5n	6.8	6.8
70	36	Watson & Philip	57	..	3.7	6.5	8.0
175	103½	Watts Blake	145	..	6.4b	4.4	7.3
22½	10½	Wearwell	19	..	..e	..	4.4
150	71½	Weir Grp	120	+6	7.9	6.6	5.2
22½	9	Wellco Hldgs	23½	..	0.8	3.2	3.9
50	31	Wellman Eng	46½	+½	3.3	7.1	8.3
44	22	Westbrick Pdr	33	-1	2.2	6.7	7.5
57	29	Westinghse Brke	52	..	3.2n	6.4	5.6
62½	41	Westland Air	47½	+2½	4.8	10.1	12.4
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	f	..e	..	..
36	15	Wharf Mill	22	..	2.2	9.8	10.1
54	25	Whatlings	44	-1	3.9	8.8	8.5
240	115	W'sheaf Dist	160	..	11.4	7.1	8.6
50½	38	Wh'lock Mar	39	-½	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	86	..	7.0	8.1	4.8
17	9	Wheway Watson	16	..	1.3	8.3	9.6
84	41	White Child	73	..	6.3	9.3	8.3
193	129	Whitecroft	176	+1	20.0	11.2	4.6
54	18	Whiteley BSW	46	..	0.8e	1.7	19.2
135	58	Wholesale Fit	127	..	8.3	6.5	7.4
276	96	Wigfall H.	212	h +17	11.4n	5.4	11.0
77	11	Wiggins Constr	27	..	2.4	8.9	8.6
128	55	Wight Cons	126	..	10.2	8.1	10.0
214	125	Wilkins'n Match	170	+6	13.2	7.8	8.2
104	70	Do 10% Conv	£89	..	1000	11.1	..
44	29	Wms J. Cardiff	40	..	4.2	10.4	5.2
50	26	Wills G. & Sons	56	..	2.2	4.0	5.8
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	65	+2	4.3	6.5	4.7
47	17½	Wilson Bros	40	-½	2.1	5.3	9.8
91	38	Wimpey G.	75	+1	0.9	1.3	10.0
46	24	Winn Ind	46	+1	4.0	8.7	9.7
44	20½	Witter T.	42½	-½	4.4	10.2	10.0
200	82	W'sley Hughes	188	..	10.8	5.8	6.8
38	12	Wood & Sons	34	..	0.9	2.6	7.2
47	30	Wood S. W.	35	..	5.8	16.6	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	88	..	7.3	8.5	7.9
127	48½	Woodhead J.	95	+1	5.4	5.7	6.1
32	28	W'ds'se Rixson	28	..	3.5	12.5	26.2
77½	49	Woolworth	64	-½	6.3	9.9	11.7
29	15	Wrighton F.	21	..	1.7	8.0	..
275	140	Yarrow & Co	270	..	7.3	2.7	9.2
76	23¾	York Trailer	57	+1	3.3	5.7	8.8
80	37	Youghal C'pts	39	..	7.2	18.3	3.9
44	11	Young H. Hldgs	44	+2	..e	..	..
54	21	Zetters	44	..	1.8	4.0	10.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	225	..	25.4	11.3	2.3
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	380	..	3.5	0.9	4.2
31½	17	Boustead	29	..	2.3	7.8	8.0
25	6	Brit Arrow	22	+½	..	..	..
163	102	Challenge Corp	122	..	6.5	5.4	6.5
66	42	Charterhse Grp	57	-1	5.1	8.9	11.0
48	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£44	-2	..	..	..
348	215	Daily Mail Tst	280	..	18.2	6.5	17.6
345	210	Do A	275	..	18.2	6.6	17.3
243	135	Dalgety	239	+1	19.5	8.1	8.4
37½	13	Dawnay Day	33	-1	1.5	4.6	12.9
23	13	Edm Ind Hldgs	19½	+½	0.2e	0.8	44.3
113	79	Electra Inv	99½	..	6.5	6.6	22.2
27	15	Exploration	24	..	0.8	3.1	10.1
85	27	FC Finance	68	..	2.3	3.3	28.7
37	14	Goode D & M Grp	24	..	1.3	5.0	..
427	233¾	Inchcape	388	+1	22.7b	5.9	8.9
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	94	..	6.0	6.4	12.4
15	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	15	..	..	..	..
120	61	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	105	..	8.2	5.8	11.1
54	26	Manson Fin	46	+1	4.9	10.7	16.9
76	47	Martin R. P.	52	..	7.2	13.8	7.9
107	40	Prop Ins & Fin	106	h	6.1b	5.7	24.9
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	98	+1	7.4	8.2	8.0
132	97	Sime Darby	132	..	3.5	2.7	11.8
61	37	Smith Bros	56	..	7.5	13.3	11.8
750	631	Tyndall O'seas	700	..	46.4	6.6	..
35	14	Utd Dom Tst	38	..	..e	..	37.7
117	43½	Wagon Fin	88	-3	6.3	7.1	9.3
87½	33	Yule Catto	78½	+½	2.1	2.7	18.2

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	106	+1	4.5	4.2	..
59	39	Brentnall Beard	44	-1	1.9	4.4	13.5
184	112	Britannic	162	..	13.9	8.6	..
172	103½	Com Union	150	+3	11.6	7.7	..
150	107	Eagle Star	149	+2	9.3	6.2	..
194	114	Equity & Law	182	+2	10.1	6.3	..
284	161	Gen Accident	220	..	12.3	5.6	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	232	+6	14.5	6.3	..
302	195	Hambro Life	302	+14	24.1	8.0	..
285	136¾	Heath C. E.	263	+8	7.5	2.8	12.1
201	125	Hogg Robinson	190	..	9.0	4.7	10.6
201	127	Howden A.	171	+1	8.5	5.0	9.3
184	108	Legal & Gen	156	+1	8.7	5.6	..
117	90	Leslie & Godwin	91	-1	6.4	7.0	10.3
150	90	London & Man	136	+2	9.8	7.2	..
150	57	Ldn Utd Inv	146	..	5.8	4.0	12.2
286	187	Matthews W'son	210	..	13.9	6.6	9.4
193	100	Minet Hldgs	180	+4	4.9	2.7	15.0
79	43	Moran C.	50	-1	5.0e	10.0	5.5
292	182	Pearl	238	+2	19.1	8.0	..
322	168	Phoenix	262	+4	14.9	5.7	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	125	..	11.8	9.4	..
130	100	Do A Br	125	..	11.8	9.4	..
130	100	Do B	125	..	11.8	9.4	..
130	100	Do B Br	125	..	11.8	9.4	..
180	116	Prudential	158	+2	10.1	6.4	..
152	94	Refuge	132	+2	10.5	8.0	..
490	290	Royal	367	+2	24.9	6.8	..
396	224	Sedg. Forbes	390	+3	14.5	3.7	12.5
112	82	Stenhouse	100	..	6.1	6.1	7.5
662	385	Sun Alliance	552	+7	30.5	5.5	..
117	65	Sun Life	101	+2	4.7	4.7	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	160	-5	12.7	8.0	..
310	195	Willis Faber	283	..	13.6	4.8	12.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	122	..	7.1	5.8	23.6
224	166	Alliance Trust	200	..	10.8n	5.4	27.0
49	31½	Amer Trust	39	..	2.1	5.3	28.7
100	78	Ang-Amer Secs	90	..	4.6	5.1	27.2
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	45	..	4.9	10.8	13.6
147	87	Do Ass	121	-1	..	..	..
44½	31	Anglo Scot	39½	..	2.4	6.3	25.0
132½	92½	Ashdown Inv	113½	-1	6.1	5.4	27.0
57½	35	ABC Regional	57	-½	0.8	1.3	58.2
90½	49	Atlantic Assets	77	..	0.6	0.8	..
62	40	Atlas Electric	55	+½	2.4	4.4	32.7
61½	39¾	Bankers Inv	52	-½	3.5b	6.7	21.5
56	40	Berry Trust	53½	..	1.3	2.5	58.9
209½	209½	Border & Sthrn	251½	-1	11.4	4.5	31.0
41½	30	Brit Am & Gen	37½	..	2.5	6.7	21.9
71½	49	Brit Assets Tst	66	-1	3.5	5.8	28.2
12	7½	Brit Emp Sec	9½	..	0.9	9.3	13.9
165	116	Brit Invest	145	h	6.8	4.7	33.3
249	162½	Broadstone	126½	-1	7.8	6.1	23.7
99½	65	Brunner	84	..	5.4	6.4	23.4
78	42	Brycourt Inv	66	..	3.3	4.9	30.9
66	43	CLRP Inv	58½	+½	2.9	4.9	24.7
290	187	Caledonia Inv	225	-1	12.8	5.7	24.8
79½	56	Caledonian Tst	66½	..	2.6	3.9	43.5
69½	52	Do B	63	..	..	..	..
126½	91	Capital & Natl	113½	..	6.9	6.0	..
117½	84½	Do B	108½	..	..	..	..
107½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	96½	..	5.9	6.0	..
113½	87½	Carliol Inv	102½	..	5.8	5.7	23.7
67	46	Cedar Inv	60½	..	3.8	6.3	22.9
59	40	Charter Trust	50	..	3.3	6.5	22.5
69½	54	Ch'desdale Inv	65½	+½	2.7	4.1	42.8
68	49	Do B	62	..	..	..	..
13½	8½	Common Mkt	£12¾	..	20.5g	1.6	..
209½	132½	Cont & Ind	178½	..	9.1	5.2	30.2
154	102	Crescent Japan	151	+1½	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	70	..	5.2	7.4	20.3
29½	14½	Cumulus	24½	..	1.2	4.9	30.6
102	80	Delta Inv	102	..	..	..	..
216	133	Derby Tst 'Inc'	214	-2	20.4	9.5	18.4
170	86	Do Cap	145	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	119	..	6.9	5.7	23.2
146	115	Drayton Cons	132	..	7.1	5.4	24.9
196	150	Do Premier	172	..	10.2	5.9	23.9
65	40½	Dundee & Ldn	57	..	3.5	6.1	24.1
168	115	Edin & Dundee	163	h	5.3b	3.2	..
96½	63	Edin Amer Ass	96	..	1.7	1.7	62.3
229	164	Edinburgh Inv	200	+1	10.2	5.1	34.7
72½	50	Elec & Gen	63	..	2.2b	3.5	39.1
92½	60½	Eng & Int	80½	..	5.3	6.6	21.6
78	54½	Eng & N York	69½	..	3.9	5.7	25.9
282	171¾	Estate Duties	269	..	11.2	4.2	31.9
93	69	First Scot Am	81	-1	4.3	5.3	27.3
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	139½	..	5.7	4.1	36.9
121	98	Gt Japan Inv	110	..	2.3	2.1	53.1
148½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	139½	..	7.1	5.3	36.8
127½	76	Do Conv	104½	..	..	..	..
106	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	94	..	5.2	5.6	27.5
94	65	Gen Scottish	76½	-½	4.6	6.0	24.8
87½	64	Glenderon	80½	-2	2.6	3.2	56.7
122½	71	Globe Trust	102	..	6.2b	6.1	22.9
78	49	Grange Trust	69	..	3.2	4.6	30.5
110	75	Great Northern	94	-½	5.9	6.2	24.8
86	61½	Greenfriar	71	..	2.2	3.1	39.4
56	27	Gresham Hse	56	..	4.6	8.1	13.3
84½	57	Guardian	72½	..	3.6	4.3	30.3
94	61	Hambros	84	..	5.1	6.0	25.8
31½	12½	Harcros	21	h	1.0	4.6	36.2
196½	121	Hill P. Inv	168	-½	10.8	6.4	23.6
79	42	Home Hldgs A	74	..	6.4	8.6	18.7
53¾	36½	Indus & General	46½	..	2.2	4.7	30.2
78	52	Internat Inv	67½	..	4.0	5.0	32.5
122	89½	Invest in Suc	117½	+2½	4.4	3.7	37.9
209	162	Inv Tst Corp	185	-1	9.2	5.0	29.9
75	59½	Inv Cap Trst	68	-½	2.5	3.6	38.1
137½	108½	Jardine Japan	121	..	1.3	1.1	..
143	103	Jersey Ext	131	-1	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	80	..	3.3	4.2	33.9
101	68	Law Deb Corp	92	..	6.8	7.4	19.2
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	100	..	5.0	5.0	31.1
161	139	Ldn & Montrose	164	..	8.3	5.1	30.4
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	97	..	4.7	4.8	31.3
95	34	Ldn Merch Sec	80	..	2.1	2.6	..
94½	31	Do Cap	77	..	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	67	..	4.2b	6.2	28.2
193	126	Ldn Trust	179	-1	12.1b	6.8	23.4
39¾	26	Mercantile Inv	35½	-½	1.9	5.3	23.1
72½	55	Merchants Trust	64	..	3.9	6.2	24.2
50	40½	Monks Inv	44½	-½	2.1	4.8	30.5
85	47	Moorgate Inv	79	..	4.6	5.9	24.4
97	60	Moorside Trst	86	..	7.3	8.4	17.8
22	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	16	-3	2.3b	14.6	12.0
123	24	Do Cap	89	..	..	..	..
94	74½	North Atlantic	82½	..	4.1	5.0	28.6
100	71	Northern Amer	91	..	4.3	4.7	32.0
101	64	Northern Sec	95½	..	5.0b	5.2	22.3
86	48	Oil & Associated	53	..	3.0	5.6	25.7
118	88	Pentland	106	..	6.1a	5.8	25.8
75	60	Progressive Sec	72	..	4.0	5.6	26.5
123	98	Raeburn	111	..	5.6	5.1	28.4
177	108	River & Merc	154	..	12.3	8.0	17.4
144	85½	River Plate	136	..	9.3	7.5	..
95	80	Romney Trust	82	..	4.0	4.9	29.3
187	104½	Rothschild	162	..	8.5	5.3	24.5
71	44	Safeguard	70	..	5.5	7.8	18.5
88	57½	Scot Amer	79	..	3.8	4.8	..
86½	35½	Scot&Cont Inv	69½	+1	1.8	2.7	52.4
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	97	..	4.6	4.7	21.3
132	102	Scot Eastern	122½	..	6.1	5.0	28.7
39½	25	Scot European	36	..	2.3b	6.3	26.3
99½	75	Scot Invest	88	..	3.9	4.4	33.0
118½	91½	Scot Mortgage	99½	-1½	4.6b	4.6	31.3
148½	111	Scot National	128	..	5.2	4.1	38.5
100	70	Scot Northern	91	..	4.2	4.7	30.5
70	57¾	Scot United	65½	..	2.4	3.7	40.7
88½	70	Scot Western	83	-1	3.5	4.2	39.9
86½	64½	Do B	77½	-½	..	..	..
191½	143	Sec Alliance	172½	-½	8.6a	5.0	27.4
78½	61½	Sec Gt Northern	72	..	2.8	3.9	43.1
75½	58	Do B	68	..	..	..	40.7
174	132	Sterling Trust	151	..	8.0	5.3	27.1
94½	67½	Stockholders	83	..	3.1	3.7	38.6
104	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	94	..	..	..	..
73	42½	Throgmtn Trust	68½	..	6.6	10.0	15.3
164½	125	Trans-Oceanic	147	..	7.6	5.2	28.0
87½	55½	Tribune Inv	62	..	2.0	3.2	35.4
67½	48½	Triplevest 'Inc'	62½	..	6.4	10.0	16.3
179	94	Do Cap	133	-2	..	..	..
139	92	Trustees Corp	121½	..	6.4	5.2	28.4
111	87½	Tyneside Inv	100	..	5.8	5.8	23.7
128	97	Utd Brit Secs	112	+1	6.4	5.7	28.1
95	74½	Utd States Deb	84	..	5.3n	6.3	22.2
190	142	Utd States Gen	166	..	9.0	5.4	24.6
104	69½	Viking Res	79	-1	1.4	1.7	82.8
194	140	W'bottom Trust	176	..	7.0	4.0	37.4
88	63	Witan Inv	78½	+½	3.2b	4.2	..
83	61	Do B	69½	..	0.1	0.1	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	153	..	11.6	7.6	19.4
39	17	Yorks & Lancs	36	..	2.1b	7.9	18.8
60	50	Young Co Inv	73	..	5.0b	6.8	21.3

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	292	..	13.0	4.9	9.2
152	84	Fisher J.	130	..	2.2	1.7	12.6
356	207	Furness Withy	230	..	11.9	5.2	4.9
305	140	Hunting Gibson	205	..	16.4	8.0	2.8
41½	24¼	Jacobs J. I.	40	..	2.8	7.0	11.8
57¾	30	Ldn & O'seas Fr	30½	..	5.1	16.8	..
270	215	Manch Liners	220	..	7.7	3.5	20.4
179	121	Ocean Trans	125	+4	12.4	9.9	4.2
172	95	P & O 'Dfd'	99	+2	9.6	9.7	6.8
138	96	Runciman W	99	-1	12.6	12.7	7.2

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
520	379	Anglo Am Coal	512	+2	35.5	6.9	..
322	185	Anglo Am Corp	304	-4	19.5g	6.4	..
17½	11¾	Ang Am Gold	£16⅜	..	97.3	5.7	..
37¾	19	Anglo Am Inv	£35¼	-¼	361	10.2	..
9½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£8½	..	86.1	10.2	..
9¼	6	Do A	£8½	..	86.1	10.2	..
15½	8¾	Asarco	£14	-¼	20.8	1.5	..
307	235	Ayer Hitam	253	+3	60.0	23.3	..
58	28	Beralt Tin	53	..	6.2	11.6	..
417	249	Blyvoors	335	-2	33.5	10.0	..
46	12	Botswana RST	12½	-½	..	..	..
98	55	Bracken Mines	68	-6	19.3	28.6	..
127	61	BH South	74	-1	..	..	..
10⁹⁄₁₆	5¾	Buffelsfontein	£8⅝	-¼	94.8	11.0	..
154	106	Charter Cons	128	..	11.8	9.2	..
220½	138	Cons Gold Fields	151	-5	11.7	6.5	..
354	158	De Beers 'Dfd'	324	-4	31.8	9.8	..
328	145	Doornfontein	231	-2	18.7	8.0	..
386	132	Durban Rood	223	-8	..	..	..
35	9	East Dagga	23	-1½	..	..	..
735	425	E Driefontein	693	-4	48.5	7.0	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	331	-21	..	..	..
59	29	El Oro M & Ex	34	..	1.5	4.4	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	123	+½	5.4	4.4	..
17⅞	9¼	F S Geduld	£16⅝	..	156	9.4	..
142½	54¾	Geevor Tin	130	..	7.6	5.8	..
17¾	12	Gen Mining	£15¾	+¼	136	8.6	..
132	32	Grootvlei	96	-½	11.8	12.3	..
310	180	Hamersley	173	..	..	..	..
112	77	Hampton Gold	95	..	..	..	..
489	285	Harmony	354	-12	33.1	9.4	..
13½	7¾	Hartebeest	£11¼	+½	81.2	7.2	..
15	10½	Jo'burg Cons	£11¼	..	164	14.6	..
391	200	Kinross	343	-1	27.4	8.0	..
578	299	Kloof	454	-1	18.7	4.1	..
53	20	Leslie	39	-1	6.1	15.6	..
582	175	Libanon	513	-4	48.7	9.5	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	60	+1	..	..	..
242	123	MIM Hldgs	168	..	5.7	3.4	..
65	39	MTD (Mangula)	44	+5	12.8	29.1	..
410	220	Malayan Tin	220	..	..	..	..
121	46	Marievale Con	77	-3	28.8	37.4	..
195	71	Messina Trans	88	-2	20.0	22.7	..
36	10	Metals Explor	13	..	..	..	..
230	125	Middle Wits	154	-1	14.2	9.2	..
184	125	Minorco	148	..	6.2	4.2	..
450	247	Nthgate Explor	307	-13	51.2	16.7	..
59	25	Pahang Cons	50	..	3.8	7.6	..
556	345	Peko Wallsend	447	+3	..	..	..
10⅝	6⅞	Pres Brand	£9¾	-¼	85.8	8.8	..
7⁹⁄₁₆	4¾	Pres Steyn	£7⅜	-¼	53.3	7.2	..
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	106	-3	6.9	6.5	..
36⅝	19	Randfontein	£26⅝	-¼	221	8.3	..
248	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	196	+1	12.9	6.6	..
165	52	Roan Cons 'B'	70	-3	..	..	..
98	60	Rustenburg	89	-1	..	..	..
90	35	Saint Piran	50	..	3.9	7.8	..
12¾	6⁹⁄₁₆	St Helena	£11⅞	-¼	82.1	6.9	..
508	370	Selection Tst	390	..	..	..	..
231	118	Sentrust	204	+1	19.0	9.3	..
97	28	SA Land	40	..	..	..	..
76	48	South Crofty	50	..	6.1	12.2	..
526	235	Southvaal	463	-1	13.1	2.8	..
305	150	Sthn Malayan	240	..	18.2	7.6	..
170	57	Sungei Besi	170	..	..	..	..
164	118	Tang Cons	125	..	11.8	9.4	..
103	47	Tanjong Tin	58	..	10.2	17.6	..
280	207¾	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	6.1	2.4	..
13⅞	9¼	Transvaal Cons	£12¾	-¼	81.4	6.4	..
260	93	Tronoh Mines	174	..	16.6	9.5	..
222	117	UC Invest	220	..	20.1	9.1	..
294	165	Union Corp	288	..	22.6	7.8	..
14⅝	8	Vaal Reefs	£13⅝	-⅛	17.8	1.3	..
288	70	Venterspost	204	-7	71.5	35.0	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	38	..	63.1	..	..
313	178	Welkom	279	-6	23.1	8.3	..
23	13¾	W Driefontein	£18⅞	-¼	180	9.5	..
209	78	W Rand Cons	119	-3	8.2	6.9	..
242	110	Western Areas	196	-3	8.2	4.2	..
84	5¾	Western Deep	£7½	-¼	51.3	6.8	..
19⅝	10½	Western Hldgs	£17½	-¼	185	10.6	..
164	84	Western Mining	106	-3	7.8	7.4	..
777	380	Winkelhaak	674	-5	60.9	9.0	..
23½	10	Zambia Copper	11½	..	..e	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
67	43	Ampol Pet	67	+2	..	..	..
120	47	Attock	66	..	..	..	..
186	128	Brit Borneo	138	..	..	..	9.1
960	720	BP	750	..	..	..	33.5
83	41	Burmah Oil	44	..	..	..	..
86½	44½	Century Oils	56	..	..	..	3.7
34½	18½	Charterhall	23½	+1	..	..	..
29	12¾	C F Petroles	120	..	..	..	14.4
44	24	KCA Int	27	..	..	..	9.2
185	134	Lasmo	148	-2	..	..	..
415	265	Do Ops	334	..	..	..	..
109½	84½	Do 14% Ln	£102½	..	..	..	1400
322	77	Oil Exploration	264	+6	..	..	2.9
27½	8	Premier Cons	13½	..	..	..	..
23⁹⁄₁₆	14¾	Ranger Oil	£20	-½	..	..	..
50¾	35½	Royal Dutch	£46	..	..	..	..
632	458	Shell Trans	520	+2	..	..	21.8
202	164	Tricentrol	154	..	..	..	..
266	124	Ultramar	224	..	..	..	..
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	134	..	..	..	20.6

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60½	29¾	Allied Ldn	57	..	..	..	2.8
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	200	-3	..	..	5.9
242	114	Apex Props	220	..	..	..	..
20	11	Aquis Secs	20	+1	..	..	..
95	51¾	Beaumont Prop	85	+½	..	..	..
68	29½	Bellway Hldgs	67	+2	..	..	4.0
127	59	Berkeley Hmbro	93	..	..	..	..
196	130	Bilton Percy	182	..	..	..	..
183	116	Do Accum	160	..	..	..	..
234	119	Bradford Prop	218	+2	..	..	..
47½	22	British Land	38	..	..	..	..
116	56¾	Brixton Estate	95	..	..	..	2.8
53	10	Cap & Counties	49½	+2	..	..	1.8
320	141	Chesterfield	295	..	..	..	..
14½	8½	Chown Secs	17½	..	..	..	..
270	145	Churchbury Est	245	..	..	..	..
64	37½	City Offices	55	..	..	..	2.8
174	114	Corn Exchange	173	..	..	..	3.0
37½	17	Country & New T	29½	..	..	..	1.8
91	35	County & Dist	88	..	..	..	1.2
98	32½	Daejan Hldgs	92	+½	..	..	4.9
51½	31½	Eng Prop	52	+½	..	..	..
20¾	11	Estates & Gen	22	..	..	..	1.2
100	32	Evans of Leeds	91	-1	..	..	2.0
350	200	Gt Portland	288	+2	..	..	8.6
87	52	Guildhall	75	..	..	..	3.9
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	580	+5	..	..	7.7
280	152	Haslemere Ests	225	+2	..	..	4.6
231	142	Land Secs	208	+2	..	..	7.3
56	33½	Law Land	43	..	..	..	1.5
93	40½	Ldn & Prov Sh	87	-1	..	..	3.9
74	40	Ldn Shop	62	+1	..	..	4.5
132	69	Lymon Hldgs	116	+2	..	..	3.6
134	46	MEPC	117	..	..	..	2.6
190	68	McKay Secs	185	..	..	..	2.2
22	8½	Marler Estates	20	..	..	..	..
41¾	25	Midhurst Whites	41½	-½	..	..	..
122	46	Mucklow A & J.	111	..	..	..	3.7
175	108	Municipal	175	..	..	..	1.5
83	28	Peachey Prop	74	+2	..	..	1.5
315	190	Prop & Rever	302	..	..	..	7.1
315	178	Do A	302	..	..	..	7.1
347	216	Prop Hldgs	319	..	..	..	9.9
156	44	Prop Sec	144	-1	..	..	1.1
6¾	2	Raglan Prop	5	..	..	..	..
87	31	Regional	84	..	..	..	1.5
77	30	Do A	66	..	..	..	1.5
115	29	Rush & Tompkins	104	..	..	..	3.9
118	59¾	Scot Met Props	105	+2	..	..	2.4
129	77	Slough Ests	108	..	..	..	3.4
268	156	Stock Conv	230	+6	..	..	3.6
223	90	Sunley B.	188	..	..	..	6.8
17	5	Town & City	13½	+½	..	..	0.5
97	41	Trafford Park	89	..	..	..	5.1
24	10½	UK Props	20½	..	..	..	..
20	7¾	Webb J.	14½	..	..	..	0.7
19	10½	W'minster & C'ty	15	..	..	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
91	34	Anglo-Indonesia	84	..	..	..	3.9
39½	18	Bradwall FMS	39½	..	..	..	1.3
197	82	Castlefield	194	-1	..	..	9.8
61	25	Chersonese	61	+3	..	..	4.2
131	74½	Cons Plant	127½	-2	..	..	12.0
56	13	Doranakande	51	+1	..	..	2.2
12½	5½	Grand Central	10	..	..	..	0.5
250	155	Guthrie Corp	249	+4	..	..	19.2
76½	48	Harrisons Malay	75½	+3	..	..	4.6
92	38½	Hghlds & Low	87½	+1	..	..	5.6
180	67	Hongkong	145	+1	..	..	8.6
210	125	Killinghall	210	..	..	..	17.3
43½	22	Kulim Malaysia	45½	..	..	..	2.3
133	44	Ldn Sumatra	125	h -2	..	..	8.1
81½	28¾	Majedie	80	..	..	..	1.0
33¾	10½	Malayalam	31½	h	..	..	1.7
38	12¾	Muar River	38	..	..	..	0.7
73½	34	Plant Hldgs	69½	..	..	..	3.3
39½	10½	Sungei Krian	£25	..	..	..	114

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	147	Assam Frontier	287	..	24.6	..	..
116	52	Assam Inv	105	..	10.6	..	..
240	95	Camellia Inv	192	-3	3.9	..	..
156	22	Deundi	132	h	4.9	..	..
254	123	Jokai	254	..	16.5	..	..
245	120	McLeod Russel	196	..	15.2	..	..
410	124	Moran	400	..	5.6	..	..
102	15	Surmah Valley	102	..	10.4	..	..
202	102	Warren Plant	184	..	20.0	..	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10⅞	7⁹⁄₁₆	Algoma Cen Rly	£10⅞	..	26.0	..	..
71	40	Calcutta Elec	70	..	11.8	..	..
52½	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£50½	..	490	..	..
38¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	36½	..	530	..	..
84	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£60	..	193	..	..
430	310	Imp Cont Gas	340	..	34.2	..	..
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£36	..	500	..	..
92	46	Milford Docks	68	..	4.1	..	..
278	140	Nigerian Elec	253	..	20.0	..	..
39½	31½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36½	..	535	..	..

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The Times Share Indices for 04.04.78 date June 2, 1964 original base date June 1959:—

	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield
Latest		%	%
The Times Industrial Share Index	198.82	6.78	12.59
Largest Coys.	202.50	6.46	12.08
Smaller Coys.	185.66	7.47	14.41
Capital Goods	226.92	6.96	15.09
Consumer Goods	214.93	6.97	12.19
Store Shares	175.40	6.37	8.10
Largest financial shares	219.46	5.89	—
Largest financial and industrial shares	205.73	6.35	—
Commodity shares	225.77	5.66	13.72
Gold Mining shares	383.10	8.38	16.64
Industrial debenture stocks	55.17	6.25*	—
Industrial preference stocks	39.92	11.67*	—
3½% War Loan	35⅜	10.28*	—

A record of The Times Industrial Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	222.96	(14.09.77)	60.18	(12
1978	208.15	(06.01.78)	184.85	(02
1977	222.96	(14.09.77)	151.20	(12
1976	171.85	(05.05.76)	113.33	(27
1975	198.95	(19.11.75)	61.42	(06
1974	136.19	(28.02.74)	60.18	(12
1973	199.33	(12.01.73)	120.99	(14

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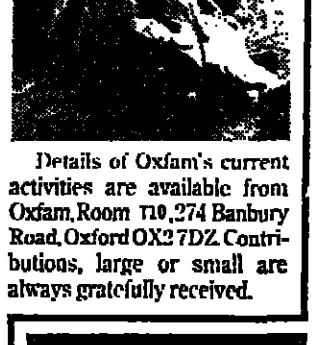
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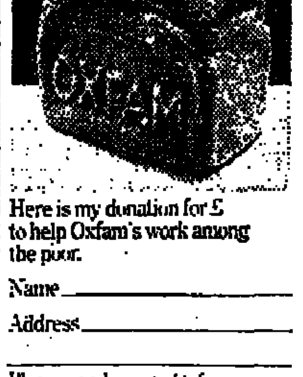
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BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Thermal Analysis; 7.50, The Nature of Chemistry; 7.30-7.55, R. M. Schindler. 10.20, Gharbar. 10.45, Parosi. 11.00, Play School. 11.25-11.50, Open University: Changing the Record. 2.20-3.50 pm, Racing from Ascot. 4.55, Open University: Josh's File; 5.20, Borehole Logging; 5.45, Modelling a Gas; 6.10, The Action of Lysozyme; 6.35, Looking at Poems.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Mr Smith Propagates Plants.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Brass tacks.
9.00 As BBC 1.
9.10 Call My Bluff.
9.40 Film: Dead End, with Sylvia Sidney, Joel McCrea, Humphrey Bogart.*
11.10 Arena: Art and Design, two artists from the West Country—Patrick Hughes and John Abbott.
11.45 News.
11.55-12.05 am, Michael Kilgarriff reads "A Clearing in the Alps", by William Peskett.
*Black and white.
BBC2 Scotland
9.00-9.10 pm, As BBC1 Scotland.

Thames

9.30 am, Kimba. 9.50, Heritage. 10.40, Hopalong Cassidy.* 11.45, Oscar. 12.00, Cloppa Castle. 12.10 pm, Daisy, Daisy. 12.30, Sounds of Britain. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.10, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Barney's Last Battle (r). 3.20, Rolf Harris. 3.50, Paint with Nancy. 4.20, How. 4.45, Pop Quest. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This Is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 The Streets of San Francisco.
9.00 Conservative Party political broadcast.
9.10 Send in the Girls.
10.10 News.
10.40 The 50th Academy Awards.
11.40 Snooker: England v Rest of the World.
12.10 am, Night Gallery (r).
12.25 Epilogue.
* Black and white.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

10.00 am, Something Different (r). 10.15, In a Balloon Over the Alps. 10.40, Cine Club. 11.00, Puzzle Party. 11.25, Westway (r). 11.50, Professor Balthazar. 12.00, Cloppa Castle. 12.10 pm, Daisy, Daisy. 12.30, Sounds of Britain. 1.00, News. 1.20, ATV News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Barney's Last Battle (r). 3.20, Paint with Nancy. 3.50, The Sullivans. 4.20, How! 4.45, Pop Quest. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, This is Your Life. 7.30, Coronation Street. 8.00, Quincy. 9.00, Conservative Party political broadcast. 9.10, Send in the Girls. 10.00, News. 10.40, Citizen's Rights. 11.15-11.55, Drive-in.

Southern

9.35 am, Skippy. 10.00, Apaches. 10.25, Sinbad Junior. 10.35, The Invaders. 11.30, Winning with Wilkie. 12.00, ATV. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, ATV. 3.20, Survival. 3.50, Paint Along with Nancy. 4.20, ATV. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Streets of San Francisco. 9.00, ATV. 10.40, 50th Academy Awards. 11.40, Southern News. 11.50, Butlins Grand Masters Darts Championships. 12.20 am, Weather. Kenneth Williams.

Grampian

9.55 am, First Thing. 10.00, Tandarra. 10.55, You Can Make It. 11.20, Westway. 11.45, Oscar. 12.00, ATV. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, ATV. 3.50, Survival. 4.20, ATV. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.30, Police News. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, ATV. 10.40, Southern. 11.40, Reflections. 11.45-12.15 am, Jasper Carrott.

Granada

9.30 am, Sesame Street. 10.30, The Nature of Things. 11.20, Skippy. 11.45, Cartoon. 12.00, ATV. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, ATV. 3.20, Untamed World. 3.50, Southern. 4.20, ATV. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Mr and Mrs. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, ATV. 10.40, Southern. 11.40-12.45 am, Gibbsville.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Canada, Five Portraits. 10.25, Captain Nemo. 10.30, Little House on the Prairie. 11.30, Electric Theatre Show. 12.00, ATV. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, ATV. 3.20, Houseparty. 3.50, Southern. 4.20, ATV. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, ATV. 10.40, Southern. 11.40, Darts. 12.10-12.40 am, Handle with Care.

Border

9.35 am, Skippy. 10.00, A Career in Communications. 10.20, So We Are Different. 10.55, You Can Make It. 11.20, Westway. 11.45, Oscar. 12.00, ATV. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, ATV. 3.20, Survival. 3.50, Southern. 4.20, ATV. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, ATV. 10.40, Southern. 11.40, Gibbsville. 12.35 am, Border News.

Ulster

10.20 am, Tree-top Tales. 10.30, Waldo Kitty. 10.55, You Can Make It. 11.20, Westway. 11.45, Oscar. 12.00, ATV. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, ATV. 3.20, Out of Town. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Solo One. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, ATV. 10.40, Southern. 11.40, Make It Count. 12.08 am, Bedtime.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Friends of Man. 4.20, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Castaway. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Report. 9.10, Thames. 11.35, Survival. 12.30 am, News; Epilogue.

Radio

1
5.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Band.† 8.15, Semprini.† 9.02, Bing.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02, News.
†Stereo.

2
5.00 am, News. 5.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again. 10.30, Hubert Gregg. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

3
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Brunetti, Beethoven. 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Copland, Liszt, Schubert, Sibelius.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Nielsen.† 10.00, Brush with Music.† 10.20, Music for Organ: de Grigny, Bach, Boyle.† 11.05, Concert, part 1: Crunden-White, Pitfield.† 12.05 pm, In Short. 12.15, Concert, part 2: Rachmaninov.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Piano Recital: Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Kabalevsky.† 2.00, The Pear Leaf on Record.† 2.05, String Quartets: Haydn, Shostakovich. 2.55, From the Proms '77: Choral concert.† 4.15, Smetana.† 4.55, Building a Library.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Get By in French. 7.00, Get By in Spanish.
7.30, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Beethoven.† 8.15, The Arts Worldwide. 8.35, Concert, part 2: Wagner.† 9.45, Scientifically Speaking. 10.30, Cello and Piano: Chopin and Strauss.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

4
6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.35, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Songbook. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Bestseller; Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, by Robert Louis Stevenson. 11.50, Tales and Legends of the Highlands. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Hinge and Bracket. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Halfway to Heaven. 3.50, Choral Evensong from Southwark Cathedral. 4.35, Story: es. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.30, Quote ... Unquote. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, File on 4. 8.00, The Bombers, their use in the war. 9.00, Science Now. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: "The Great Railway Bazaar." 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 12.00, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore forecast.

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BARNES.—On 26th March, at Pembury Hospital, to Sue (née Tawell) and Bob—a son (Alexander).

BUXTON.—On Good Friday, 1978, to Margaret and James—a son.

CALDWELL.—On March 28th, at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, to Linda (née Sleewright) and Bill—William Oliver, a brother for Fiona.

CROMPTON.—On March 21st, at St. Stephen's Hospital, to Julia (née Eyton-Lloyd) and Stephen—a son (Alexander).

DEARDEN.—On 25th March, to Susan (née Lewis) and Martin—a son, brother for Venetia.

EAST.—On 16th March, to Judy (née Hill) and John—a son (Christopher).

FRASER-GAUSDEN.—On March 26th, to Elaine and Nigel—a son (Jess Rupert).

GIBSON-WATT.—On March 27th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Marcia and Robin—a son.

HANSON.—On March 25th, to Wanda and Rupert — a son (Alexis).

HOLLOWAY.—On March 29th, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Georgina (née Rous) and Charles—a daughter.

LEA.—On Friday, 24th March, to Wendy and David—a daughter (Rebecca).

LEADBETTER.—On March 5th, to Nicky and Gordon—a daughter, sister for Louise and Benedict.

McNEILE.—On March 29th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Diana (née Sayers) and Rupert—a daughter (Emma Lucy Rebecca).

MICKLEWRIGHT.—On March 25th, at Leicester Royal Infirmary, to Susan and James—a daughter (Helen Louise).

PARKER-BOWLES.—On 31 March, to Carolyne (née Potter) and Simon—a son.

PEEBLES.—On Easter Sunday, at Savernake Hospital, to Anna, wife of Major Gavin Peebles, The Gordon Highlanders—a son (Hector Jolly Horsburgh), brother for Jasper and Tabitha.

RAYFIELD.—On 25th March, to Diana (née Lamb) and Ashley—a daughter (Helen).

SHAW.—On 23 March, at Saint Bartholomew's Hospital, to Danmar and John — a daughter (Monica).

TREMBLING.—On March 15, 1978, at Orsett Hospital, to Laura (née Parham) and Dave—a daughter (Hannah Marie).

MARRIAGES

BORTON : WILSHAW.—On March 25th, 1978, at Monkton Combe, Bath, Timothy Borton, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Borton, of Penshurst, Kent, to Paula Wilshaw, of Sunderstead, Surrey.

FORD : PAFFORD.—On March 23, in London, Peter St. St.G. Ford to Katharine B. Pafford.

WADE : FIRMIN.—On 27th March, at Little Baddow, Mark Wade to Susan Firmin.

GOLDEN WEDDING

WILSON : STANWAY.—Sid and Woggie Wilson married March 24th, 1928, at Parish Church, Yeovil, Somerset.

DEATHS

ADES.—On March 26th, 1978, in hospital in Paris, Clement Ades, M.B.E., of Lausanne and formerly Cairo, Egypt.

ALLISON, JOHN F.—Very suddenly, on March 28th, beloved mentor to all. Appreciation of his love and care to the Alpine Garden Society, Birmingham.

ALMOND.—On Good Friday, peacefully, in Birmingham, May Victoria Howard, widow of Sir James Almond, I.C.S., and much loved mother of Basil, Francis, David and Susan. Funeral service took place at St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, on Friday, March 31st at 11.45 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if wished, to Missions to Seamen.

ASSCHER.—On April 2nd, 1978, Ann Asscher, aged 34, beloved teacher of the Froebel Institute, Roehampton, whilst studying for her M.A., after a long and courageous fight. Very dearly beloved daughter of Martin and Betty, very dear sister to Elizabeth and Carolyn and sister-in-law to Cassy and Jonathan, and adored aunt to Simon and Clarissa. Funeral private, memorial service to be held at a later date. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund.

BERGNE.—On 22nd March, 1978, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, John A'Court, of 16 Woodlane, Falmouth, Cornwall, beloved husband of Dorothy and father of Susan and Caroline. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RNLI Benevolent Fund, c/o Nalder & Son, Hull's Lane, Falmouth, Cornwall.

BEVAN.—On March 22nd, in hospital, Frances, widow of Admiral Sir Richard Bevan. Funeral service after private cremation on Thursday, April 6th, at Minchinhampton Parish Church, Glos, at 2 pm. Family flowers only. No mourning, and no letters, please.

BIEDERMAN.—On March 28th, 1978, peacefully, at Axminster Hospital, Julia Frederika Rosa, aged 85 years, of Long Lea, Axminster, Devon, dear wife of Ralph. Funeral service took place at All Saints' Parish Church, nr. Axminster, on Friday, March 31st at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Axminster Hospital.

BIRCH.—On March 26th, in King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, W.1, Margaret (Judy), much loved wife of Guy S. M. Birch, of 60 Chiltern Court, Baker Street, N.W.1, and devoted mother of David and grandmother of Toby. Cremation private. Please, no letters. Donations if wished to the British Red Cross Society, 106 Crawford Street, W.1.

BUCKWELL.—On March 25th, peacefully, after a long illness, Katharine Fabian (née Raven), of Yockletts Farm, Waltham, Canterbury. Beloved wife of Richard and mother to Richard and Caroline. Funeral took place at Waltham Church, 10.45 a.m., April 3rd. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o National Westminster Bank, The Parade, Canterbury.

BURGE, KATHERINE MARY.—On March 24th, 1978, in her 98th year. Widow of Henry Ormsby Burge, mother of Winifred, Mary, Stuart and Anthony. Cremation took place at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N.2, on the 30th March, 1978.

COLLIN.—On Easter Day, peacefully, Cora, aged 81 years. Beloved mother of Rob and Morey. Funeral Service took place Friday March 31st, 3 p.m., at Deddington Church, Oxfordshire. Family flowers only. Donations to Age Concern, Oxfordshire, 30 Beaumont St., Oxford.

COOKSEY.—On 31st March, 1978, Reginald Arthur, T.D., F.R.I.B.A., of 35 Chiltern Way, Tunbridge, 495th Kent Field Co. R.E. and R.A.F. Airfield Construction. In his 84th year. Husband of Nan and father of Arthur and Isabel (Bollam). Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium (today) Wednesday, at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only. No letters please.

CRAIG.—On March 27th, 1978, in hospital, and of 41 Redesmere Drive, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, Edvth Parry, aged 74 years, the beloved wife of the late John James Craig, and loved mother of Peter and Susan. Family flowers only.

DANKS.—On March 27th, 1978, after a long illness, Anthony John Danks, husband of Biddy and father of Elizabeth Crean and Caroline. Funeral private, no flowers.

DE SALIS.—On March 29, peacefully, at Up Marden, Chichester, Madeline Marion Catherine, widow of Capt. Rodolph Henry Fane De Salis, R.N., aged 86. Cremation took place at Chichester Crematorium, Tuesday, 4th April, at 3.00 p.m.

DREYFUS.—On 15th March, Michael Charles, son of John and Irene Dreyfus, died painlessly after a car accident in Kenya where he was cremated.

DONNELLY.—On March 31, at The Vicarage, Stourpaine, Dorset, in her sleep, Daphne, much loved wife of Don and mother of Piers and Simon, and daughter of the late Phillip Cooper and Mrs. Dorothy Cooper, after a courageous struggle. Funeral service took place at Bournemouth Crematorium, Tuesday, 4th April, 10 a.m. Donations to Cancer Research.

DUKE-ELDER.—On Monday, 27th March, peacefully, at his home, 28 Elm Tree Rd., London, N.W.8, Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, G.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., in his 80th year, beloved husband of Phyllis. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service on 26th April at All Souls, Langham Place, 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, St. John's Gate, London, E.C.1, or to "Fight for Sight" Institute of Ophthalmology, Judd Street, London, W.C.1.

EGERTON, RUTH JULIA, aged 94, —widow of Sir Alfred Charles Glyn Egerton, FRS, much-loved aunt and adored mother of Francis, peacefully, at her home, 1a Alexander Square, on Monday, March 27th. Cremation private. Family only took place at Golder's Green Crematorium, Friday, 31st March, 12 noon. Memorial service to be announced later.

EYRE-WALKER. Suddenly, at home, 23 Briar Rigg, Keswick, on 27th March, Dorothy, aged 86 years (née Sykes), beloved wife of the late Bernard Eyre-Walker. Cremation took place at Carlisle Crematorium, on Thursday, 30th March at 3 p.m.

FINN.—On 29th March, 1978, peacefully, in hospital, Patrick Douglas, aged 70, of Fillett's House, Penshurst. Beloved husband of Margaret and dear father of Nigel, Anthony and Jane. Funeral service took place on Friday, 31st March, 12.30 p.m. at Poundsbridge Church, near Penshurst, Kent. Inquiries please to W. & F. Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells. Telephone Tunbridge Wells 32810.

FRANKLIN.—On March 26th, 1978, Easter Sunday, in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Harold Lambourn Franklin, aged 82 years of 86 Old Road, Headington, Oxford, deeply loved by family and friends. Funeral Service took place Cowley Road Methodist Church, Oxford, Friday, March 31st at 12 noon, followed by cremation.

FRANKLIN.—On 29th March, 1978, peacefully, at her home, Warleigh Lodge, Bathford, Bath, Beryl Seymour (née Blight) dearly loved and devoted wife of Eric, Mother of David and Susan, and sister of Diana. Funeral service took place at Bathford Parish Church, on Tuesday, 4th April, at 3.30 pm.

GREENISH.—On 30th March, Doris Greenish, F.R.A.M., aged 79, of 1 Steeles Rd., Hampstead, daughter of the late Prof. Arthur J. Greenish, Mus. Doc. Cremation 3.30 p.m. today, Wednesday, 5th April, at Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Road. Family flowers only, donations to Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, W.1. Enquiries to A. France & Son, 45 Lambs Conduit St., W.C.1. Tel. 405 4901.

HEAPE.—On March 29, peacefully, Rosemary Katharine, of White Heath, Ellington Rd., Taplow, beloved wife of Brian, and mother of Timothy, Caroline & Christopher. Funeral service took place at Taplow Church, on Tues. 4 April, followed by private cremation. Donations, if desired, to Co-operative Clinical Cancer Therapy Trust Fund, c/o Dr. Jelliffe, Middlesex Hospital, London.

HERBERT.—On Good Friday, March 24, Frank Selwood Herbert, formerly Vicar and Rural Dean of Nuneaton and Canon Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral, the much beloved and loving husband of Peggy, of 8 Evelyn Court, Cheltenham, dear father of John, Nicholas and Anthea, and a much-loved grandfather. Funeral service took place at St Stephen's Church, Cheltenham, on Friday, March 31, at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Memorial service at Nuneaton Parish Church on Saturday, April 8, at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but gifts may be sent to Nuneaton Parish Church.

HOLT.—On March 25th, Evelyn Constance, of Moonhills Cottage, Beaulieu, Hants, aged 84, widow of Vice Admiral R. V. Holt. Cremation private. Memorial service Beaulieu Abbey Church, 11.30, Saturday, April 15th. Enquiries to F. W. House & Sons, Lymington 73142.

HULBERT, JACK.—On March 25th, 1978, suddenly and peacefully, most beloved husband of Cis, at his home amongst his loving family. Funeral took place on Thursday, 30th March at 1 pm, Golders Green Crematorium. A memorial service will be announced later.

HUNTER.—Suddenly in hospital on 24th March, aged 58 years, Robert (Robin), M.B.E., Major D.E.R.R. (Retd.), of 9 Dunelm, Sunderland, dearly loved husband of Mary (May) Hunter and brother of Herbert and Alan. Cremation took place Friday, Service in St. Nicholas Church, Sunderland, at 2.00 p.m.

KNOX-GORE, SAUNDERS.—On Easter Monday, peacefully, in Gloucestershire, Maude "Julia", widow of "Bill" and dear mother of Diana; grandmother of Edward. No letters, please. Funeral private. Any donations to Help the Aged.

LATHAM.—On 20th March, Dr. John, late Union Castle. Cremation took place 30th March, 11 a.m., Putney Vale.

LAWRANCE.—On March 25th, in hospital, Phillip, aged 68, husband of Gladys, father of Colin and Ann. Funeral service took place 2.15 p.m., Friday, March 31st, St. Saviour's Church, Westcliff-on-Sea, followed by cremation at Southend-on-Sea Crematorium. Donation, if desired, to cancer research.

LEES-JONES.—On Saturday, 25th March, 1978, very peacefully, after a long illness, Richard William Thomas, of Merridale Plumley, Nr. Knutsford, Cheshire. Dearly beloved husband of Freda, devoted and loving father of Richard and Christopher and a much loved grandfather. Service took place at St. Oswald's Church, Lower Peover, on Thursday, 30th March, at 1.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donation in remembrance if desired to: Wooton Wing, Cheadle Royal Hospital. Enquiries Messrs. Kendal Milne & Co. Telephone 061 832 3414.

LONGRIDGE.—On 28th March, 1978, in a Salisbury Hospital, Dr Robert George Mallory Longridge, aged 66 years, husband of Margaret, 19 Manor Rd., Salisbury, Wilts. Private cremation took place at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday, April 3rd at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Details of memorial service to be announced later.

LYONS.—On March 24th, in hospital, David Alexander Lyons, OBE, Freeman of the Borough of Southwark, aged 77, beloved husband of Helene, darling father of Judy Stelman, brother of Jessie, Joel, grandfather of Caroline and Susan. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

MACALPINE.—On Saturday 25th March, at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, George Watson, aged 67, dearly loved husband of Helen and father of Andrew. Funeral took place at St. Anne's Church, Alderney, Channel Islands, 4 p.m., March 31st.

MACLEAN.—On 30th March, 1978, peacefully, at Dunaros, Isle of Mull, Charles Allan MacLean, C.B.E., M.C., retired Director of Agriculture for Bihar, India, formerly Colonel, Chota Nagpur Regiment, and Bihar Light Horse, A.F.I., aged 81 years, beloved husband of the late Elsie Matthews. Funeral at Tobermory (today), Wednesday, 5th April at 2 p.m.

MACNEECE FOSTER.—On March 24th, peacefully, at 26 Northmoor Rd, Oxford, Air Vice Marshall W. F. MacNeece Foster, CB, CBE, DSO, DFC. Dearly loved husband of Jean and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral took place at St Andrews Church, Linton Rd, Oxford, on Monday, April 3rd, at 3 pm, followed by private cremation. Donations may be sent to RAF Benevolent Fund.

McMULLEN.—On 27th March, peacefully at her home, Winifred, of Manor Farm, Letcombe Regis, Wantage, aged 77 years. Funeral service took place Oxford Crematorium, on Friday, 31st March at 3.30 p.m.

MOHAMED.—On 23rd March, 1978, in hospital, Jean C. M. Mohamed (née Addison), of Foxways, Gidnum Rd., Bowden, Cheshire. The very dear wife of Dr S. D. Mohamed, dear mother of Jale, Yasmine and Linda and dearly loved daughter of Jean and Robert Addison, late of Torphins. Funeral service took place at Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday, 29th March, at 2.30 p.m.

MORSHEAD.—On March 25, suddenly and peacefully, at Cherry Hill, Cross Oak Rd, Birkhampstead, Alice Rosamund, widow of John Trelawny and mother of Arminell, John, Reginald, Tamaris, Edward and Toni. Private cremation. Memorial service later at Tamerton. No flowers, at her request, but donations if desired, to Lamerton Parish Church, c/o Floyds, Bork, Tavistock.

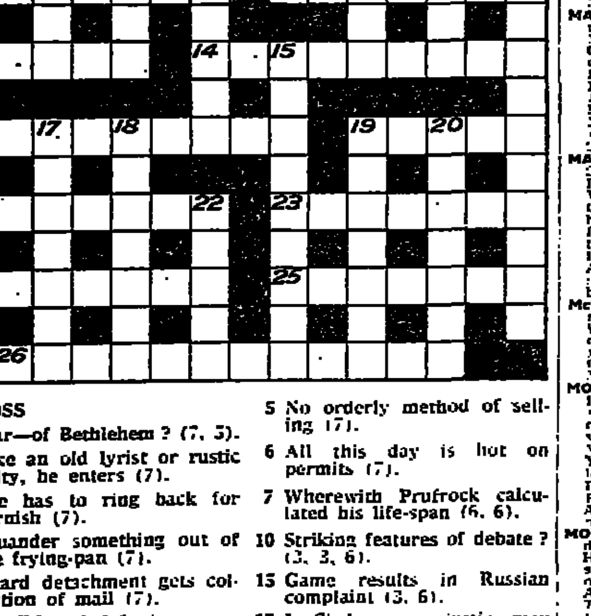
NORMAN.—On 29th March 1978, William Norman, of Old London Road, Brighton. Funeral service (today), Wednesday, 5th April, at the Downs Crematorium, at 2 p.m. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

PALMER, DAVID CHARLES.—On April 1st, at his home, 12 Castlebrook, Anlaby, Cottingham, North Humberside, beloved husband of Joan, dearly loved father of sons Colin and David, and much loved by Christine.

PEEK.—On 23rd March, 1978, at 37, The Crescent, Belmont, Sutton, Surrey, John Henry Peek, FRIBA, aged 76. Funeral service, Randalls Park Crematorium, took place at Leatherhead Monday, 3rd April, at 11.30 am.

PILCHER.—On 29th March, 1978, peacefully, in her sleep, at her home in Worthing, Mary (Molly), mother of Peggy, Fraser and Roland. Service at the Worthing Crematorium (today), Wednesday, 5th April, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd, Worthing 34516.

PLOWDEN.—On March 27th, peacefully, Josephine Evelyn, aged 95 years, of Long Meadow House, Bakewell (formerly of Stourbridge and Hove). Service took place at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield, on Tuesday, April 4th, at 10 noon.



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 14,866

ACROSS

1 Star—of Bethlehem ? (7, 5).

8 Like an old lyrist or rustic deity, he enters (7).

9 She has to ring back for varnish (7).

11 Squander something out of the frying-pan (7).

12 Guard detachment gets collection of mail (7).

13 Sir Edward left in wrong gear (5).

14 Men in fatal error (6, 3).

16 Owned ships with Eastern cargo in dope organization (9).

19 George authorized lie to ruin Thomas S. (5).

21 Composing round, air can be supplied by this (7).

23 He bears the effects of domestic upheaval (7).

24 Charge for coat makes one cross (7).

25 Equal to lateral elevations ? (7).

26 Do shirkers so affect poll result ? (5, 3, 4).

DOWN

1 Bird can drink in flight (7).

2 He's said to aid a punter (7).

3 Amusing or disturbing—he doesn't know (9).

4 Enthusiasm causing us to part ? (5).

5 No orderly method of selling (7).

6 All this day is hot on permits (7).

7 Wherewith Prufrock calculated his life-span (6, 6).

10 Striking features of debate ? (3, 3, 6).

15 Game results in Russian complaint (3, 6).

17 In Shakespeare, justice may be superficial (7).

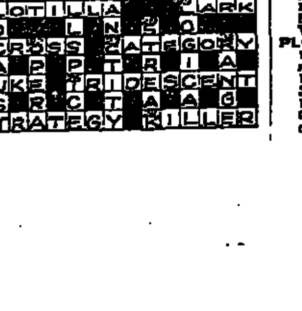
18 Loss of letter by high priest on the mount (7).

19 Seems an outrage all together (2, 5).

20 Was guilty of encroachment —a borderline case (7).

22 A Ministry expert (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,865



PERSONAL COLUMNS

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DEATHS

POLTIMORE.—On 27th March, 1978, at the Circus Nursing Home, Bath, Hugh de Burgh Warwick, 6th Baron, aged 90. Funeral private, took place at Poltimore Church on Friday, 31st March. No flowers or letters.

POOLEY.—On 1st April, 1978, Pamela, darling wife of Thomas, of The Grange, West Meon. Funeral at West Meon Parish Church on Friday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m. No flowers, please.

PULLEN.—On March 27th, 1978, peacefully at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Doris (Pud) of Whitegates, Deddington, Oxford. Cremation private. Memorial service held at Deddington Church, Monday, April 3rd, at 12.15 p.m.

RADCLIFFE.—On March 22, 1978, peacefully in Shropshire, Sylvia, wife of the late G. R. Y. Radcliffe, of Knebworth. Private cremation, Memorial service and committal of ashes at 3 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Church, Old Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

RANGER.—On 26th March, 1978, Vincent Washington Guest, MC. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and only son of the late Sir Washington Ranger. Cremation took place at 11.30 am, on Friday, 31st March, at Putney Vale Crematorium.

ROSE.—On March 22th, at his home, The Cottage, Westfield, Woking, Surrey, Howard Rose, OBE, MC, aged 85. Husband of Barney. Cremation private. No flowers, at her most dear and gallant one's request.

SCOTT.—On Easter Saturday, suddenly, Eric Donald, aged 56 years, dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Hamish and Morag. Headmaster of Castle Court School, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset. Funeral private. Memorial service, details to be announced later. No flowers, but donations may be sent to the Secretary at the above address in aid of "In Contact" (a Christian Organisation concerned with Inner City Problems).

SHANKS, MARJORY HELEN, MBE.—On March 28th, 1978, aged 80, of Arbroath and Glenapp, suddenly and peacefully. Former Girl Guide Commandant. Funeral took place at Glenapp Church, Ayrshire, Friday, 31st March, 2.30 pm.

SHARPLES.—On 26th March, peacefully, Natalie Douglas, of Seaford, Sussex, widow of Arthur Sharples and mother of Majella Leeny. Requiem held at St. Thomas More, Seaford, on Monday, 3rd April, followed by burial at Ocklynge Cemetery, Eastbourne. R.I.P.

SHIVAS, WINIFRED, dearly loved wife of James and mother of Mark, on Good Friday morning at Epsom Hospital. Funeral private. Family flowers only, but friends who so wish may send donations to Banstead Community Association, c/o Treasurer, 25 Longcroft Ave, Banstead, Surrey.

STRACHAN.—On April 2nd, at home, David Rankin, aged 59, much loved husband of Margaret and father of Joanna and Lucy. Funeral private, Thursday, April 6th, 12 noon. Memorial service 5 o'clock p.m., both at the Parish Church of Waltham-St.-Lawrence, Berkshire. Family flowers only.

TAYLOR.—On 26th March, 1978, at Marley Manor Nursing Home, Haslemere, Evelyn Gertrude, aged 88 years, wife of the late Fred Taylor and dear mother of Yvonne, Brian and Bobby. Cremation private. Memorial service held at St. Peter's, Linchmere, Friday, 31st March, at 2.30 p.m.

THEOBALD.—On March 28th, peacefully in hospital, Virginia Maxwell (née Arrion), dear wife of Courtenay, beloved mother of Tessa, Guy, Claire, Randle and Quentin, and dearly loved grandmother. Cremation took place at Amersham, 10.30 a.m., Friday, March 31st.

WEBB.—On Easter Sunday, in Chichester, Beatrice Helen Gordon, dearly loved wife of the late Richard Webb and mother of Jeremy Webb and Jennifer Eadie. Cremation took place on Friday, 31st March. Memorial service to be arranged later at St Augustine's Church, Bexhill. Donations to RUKBA.

WEBB.—On March 31st, 1978, peacefully, at Weaver's, Mistley, George Stanley, aged 84 years, darling husband of Kay and father of Vivien, Joan and the late Arthur. Private cremation, no letters, please. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Mistley PCC, c/o N. R. Foker (Treasurer), Glisland, Long Road, Mistley, Essex.

WILLIAMS.—On March 20, Florence, peacefully, at her home in Pully, Switzerland.

WILSON.—Peacefully at Coldstream Cottage Hospital, on 27th March, 1978, Hyacinth Mary Hunter, beloved wife of the late Lt.-Col. C. E. Wilson, Belchester, Leitholm. Funeral private, no flowers.

WISE.—On March 27th, 1978, peacefully, at her home, Shepherds Cottage, Child, Okeford, Blandford, Dorset, Enid, aged 85 years, widow of Felix. Funeral Service took place at the Catholic Church, Blandford on Tuesday, 4th April at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Blandford Cemetery. No flowers by request. Donations would be appreciated for Save the Children Fund, to David R. Cherrett, Funeral Directors, 10 Market Place, Blandford Forum, Dorset.

WOODROFFE.—On 29th March, 1978, Violet Kathleen (Vi), widow of Norman Frederic (Chuck) Woodroffe, FRIBA, OBE. Much loved mother of Patrick. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 11 am on Monday, 3rd April. Family flowers only, to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, but if desired donations to British Sailors Society, 680 Commercial Rd, London, E14.

WORSDELL, GUY.—On 28th March, 1978, suddenly, of 17 Bedford Gardens, W.8. Funeral at Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, 5th April. Flowers to John Hussey Ltd., 2 Berkeley Gardens, Kensington Church Street, W.8.

YARROW.—On March 24, 1978, suddenly, at Queen Anne's, Goudhurst, in her 84th year, Vera Leslie, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Yarrow and mother of Morna and Ian.

YOUNG.—On March 29th, peacefully, at his home in Old Bosham, Sussex, aged 65, William John Francis Young, D.S.O., M.B.E., G.D. Group Capt. R.C.A.F. (retired) and formerly Indian Medical Service and Indian Army, beloved husband of Joan and father of Vivienne, Vicky and Vanessa. Funeral has taken place.

FUNERAL

McMORROUGH KAVANAGH, PHOEBE—The funeral service took place at St. Clement's Parish Church, Jersey, C.I. on Thursday, 30th March, 1978, at 2.30 p.m. Private cremation followed. Flowers to H. W. Maillard & Son, Funeral Directors, 54 Gt. Union Rd., St. Helier, Jersey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEHRENS.—A Memorial Service for Sir Leonard Behrens will be held in Manchester Cathedral, on Friday, 14th April, 1978, at 2.30 p.m. at which all his friends and colleagues will be welcome.

BROUGHTON.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel T. R. Broughton, O.B.E., late The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), will be held at noon on Tuesday, 18th April, 1978, at Loretto School Chapel, Musselburgh.

BURNS HARTOPP.—A memorial service for the late Lelitia Honoria Burns Hartopp will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, April 14th, 1978, at All Saints' Church, Carlisle Road, Eastbourne, and the Interment of Ashes at Little Dalby Church, Leicestershire, on Saturday, the 15th April, at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY.—A Thanksgiving Service for Fred W. Friday will be held in the Nave of Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, 15th April, 1978, at 11.30 a.m. Those proposing to attend are invited to notify Mr. ... Friday, 27 Cinebert Rd., Canterbury, so that seating arrangements may be made and a name list compiled.

HILLIER, FRANK LACY, died 7th March, 1978.—Memorial Requiem in St Silas, Kentish Town, on Saturday, 15th April, at 12 noon. Priests wishing to concelebrate should bring White Stole. Lunch available afterwards. Names to Rev. G. A. Cobb, 11 St. Silas Place, N.W.5.

WARD, CECIL GERTRUDE.—At All Saints Church, Botham, near Marlow, at 12 noon, on Thursday 6th April.

IN MEMORIAM

BELL.—On April 5, 1911, suddenly at Portland House, ... Charles Frederic Moberly Bell, Managing Director of "The Times", of 22 Park Crescent, Portland Place, W., aged 64.

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COLLIER nee **TOWNSEND, MURIEL MARY COLLIER** nee **TOWNSEND,** widow, late of Shenley Hospital, Shenley, Radlett, Hertfordshire, formerly of 75 Brampton Road, Kingsbury, London N.W.9, died at Shenley on 28 November 1977. (Estate about £20,000.)

LEAN, REGINALD JOHN LEAN otherwise **REGINALD LEAN,** late of 35 Lomond House, Lomond Grove, Camberwell, London S.E.5, died at Camberwell on 20 October 1977. (Estate about £5,800.)

ROBINSON nee **DERRICK, EDITH ROBINSON** nee **DERRICK,** widow, late of 39 Cleveland Close, Radford, Nottingham, died at Bestwood Park, Nottingham on 26 May 1977. (Estate about £1,200.)

STRINGER, FREDERICK GEORGE STRINGER, late of Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, Kent, died there on 27 July, 1977. (Estate about £6,500.)

MORSE, WILLIAM MORSE otherwise **GEORGE WILLIAM MORSE,** late of Laburnum House, Upton-on-Severn, Worcester, died there on 2 June 1977. (Estate about £2,000.)

HOWIE, MARGARET OGILVIE HOWIE, otherwise **MARGARET HOWIE,** spinster, late of The Court, Wellington, Somerset, died at Wellington on 18 January 1978. (Estate about £4,500.)

LITCHFIELD, BERNARD LITCHFIELD, late of 31 Russell Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, died at Rotherham on 6 February, 1976. (Estate about £2,000.)

SIMMONS nee **REDBORNE, ADA ELIZABETH SIMMONS** nee **Redborne,** widow, late of Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, Kent, died there on 17 March 1977. (Estate about £2,000.)

WILLIAMS, RALPH EMERSON WILLIAMS, late of 6 Orchard Close, Southminster, Essex, died at Chelmsford, Essex on 3 October 1977. (Estate about £21,100.)

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The President, Mr D. G. Clark, will take the chair.

COMMITTEE

Mr M. G. Crawford, Mr G. H. G. Doggart, Mr C. G. Howland and Mr P. B. H. May retire from the Committee as Elected Members on the 30th September, 1978; Mr F. R. Brown retires as an Additional Member on the same date. There were no nominations for vacancies on the Committee as from the 1st October, 1978 and the Committee, in accordance with Rule 34 have elected the following to serve as Elected Members as from that date: Mr D. G. Clark (immediate past president), The Lord Caccia, Mr M. C. Cowdrey, Mr M. E. L. Melluish and Mr D. R. W. Silk.

A Special General Meeting will be held following the Annual General Meeting on the 3rd May, 1978 to approve amendments to the Rules of the Club.

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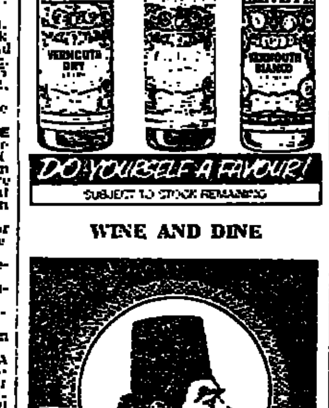
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